

SENATE BILL 238

By Gresham

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 6, relative to foreign language education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 12, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

§ 49-6-12__.

(a) The commissioner of education shall develop and the state board of education shall approve a curriculum for foreign language instruction in Chinese that satisfies high school foreign language requirements. All LEAs are encouraged to offer courses teaching Chinese that meet the requirements of such curriculum.

(b) The state board of education and the department of education shall report on the development of the curriculum under subsection (a) to the education committees of the house of representatives and the senate by February 1, 2010.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.