

SENATE BILL 245

By Tracy

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,  
relative to career and technical education.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 11, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

(a) As used in this section, "soft skills" means attributes that enable a person to build effective interpersonal relationships and to interact successfully with others in the business community. "Soft skills" includes the ability to use proper manners and etiquette and communicate effectively both orally and in writing.

(b) The state board of education shall develop standards for a one-semester, elective course in career and technical education in soft skills needed for the workplace for students in grades nine through twelve (9-12). Each LEA shall include an elective, soft skills course in its career and technical education program beginning with the 2018-2019 school year.

(c) A student, although not enrolled in a career and technical education program, may enroll in the elective, soft skills course on a space available basis.

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