

SENATE BILL 273

By Massey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 6, relative to seizure education programs.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 3, is amended by adding the following language as a new section.

(a) LEAs are encouraged to provide an age-appropriate seizure education program in each public school to teach students about seizures and seizure disorders. LEAs are encouraged to follow the guidelines published by an organization dedicated to overcoming the challenges of living with epilepsy and finding cures for epilepsy, such as the Epilepsy Foundation of America, in creating a seizure education program.

(b) LEAs are encouraged to require all teachers, principals, assistant principals, guidance counselors, and school administrators to review seizure disorder materials published by an organization dedicated to overcoming the challenges of living with epilepsy and finding cures for epilepsy, such as the Epilepsy Foundation of America, for at least one (1) hour at the beginning of each school year.

(c) The state board of education is encouraged to promulgate rules for the development and implementation of seizure education programs. The rules must be promulgated in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5.

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