

SENATE BILL 820

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 6, relative to restorative justice discipline
practices.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3004(c)(1), is amended by adding the following language after the second sentence:

The commissioner shall require that in-service training include at least three (3) hours of training in restorative justice discipline practices for all teachers and principals each school year, including the model policies for alternatives to exclusionary discipline practices developed by the department or the LEA in accordance with § 49-6-3024.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 41, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

All employees of each LEA shall attend annual in-service training in restorative justice discipline practices required to be provided to teachers and principals in accordance with § 49-6-3004(c)(1).

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 10, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

The course of instruction in all public schools shall include, at appropriate grade levels as determined by the local board of education, content designed to educate children on restorative justice discipline practices. Program materials may be provided digitally or printed and distributed to students.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it.