

SENATE BILL 1726

By Lamar

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
relative to conflict resolution.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-2-118, is amended by deleting the section and substituting instead the following:

(a) The department of education shall, using existing resources, develop a conflict resolution program that may be adopted and implemented by LEAs and public charter schools to assist students in any of the grades kindergarten through twelve (K-12) in developing the skills necessary for nonviolent conflict resolution, including, but not limited to, communication skills, social skills, and relaxation techniques.

(b) Each LEA and public charter school shall implement an intervention program for students in grades one through six (1-6) that uses conflict resolution and decision-making strategies aimed at preventing occurrences of disruptive acts by students within the school and on school property.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to the 2024-2025 school year and each school year thereafter.