



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 1048

HOUSE BILL NO. 1667

By Representatives Whitson, Jernigan, Hazlewood, White, Clemmons

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1784

By Senators Lundberg, Yarbrow, White, Akbari

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to the Tennessee state library coordinator.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) The commissioner of education shall employ within the department a certified school librarian to serve as the Tennessee state library coordinator.

(b) The Tennessee state library coordinator shall:

(1) Assist school librarians in implementing the department's strategic plan and student literacy and digital citizenship initiatives;

(2) Consult, guide, and train school librarians to strengthen school library programs for students in grades kindergarten through twelve (K-12);

(3) Provide input on revisions to the school librarian evaluation model;

(4) Work with the state library and archives to provide school libraries with equal access to high-quality educational reading materials and resources;

(5) Support the department's work by promoting best practices among school librarians and technology coordinators; and

(6) Develop and promote strategies for school librarians to partner with classroom instructors to support school and district-level instructional programs.

SECTION 2. This act is not an appropriation of funds, and funds shall not be obligated or expended pursuant to this act unless the funds are specifically appropriated by the general appropriations act.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 27, 2022



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 25th day of May 2022



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR