

SENATE BILL 2042

By Harris

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3 and Title 49, relative to the creation of a special joint committee on education.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3, is amended by adding the following as a new chapter:

3-15-101.

(a) There is created a special joint committee of the general assembly composed of four (4) members of the education committee of the senate and four (4) members of the finance, ways and means committee of the senate, to be appointed by the speaker of the senate, and four (4) members of the education committees of the house of representatives and four (4) members of the finance, ways and means committee of the house of representatives, to be appointed by the speaker of the house. The committee shall also have two (2) at-large members, one (1) each from the house of representatives and the senate, to be appointed by the speaker of each body.

(b) The committee shall meet quarterly to evaluate, review, and comment on issues related to education in this state. In carrying out its duties, the committee may investigate, study, and report on any programs, initiatives, topics, or other matters as the committee deems appropriate to further the cause of public education in this state.

(c) The committee shall report to the governor and general assembly annually, or more often in the discretion of the committee.

(d)

(1) The departments of education and finance and administration and the fiscal review committee shall provide the committee with any information that the committee from time to time may require.

(2) The department of education shall provide administrative support to the committee.

(e) A member of the committee may be reimbursed for expenses for each day the member attends a meeting of the committee or any subcommittee in the same manner as the member is paid for attending a legislative meeting pursuant to § 3-1-106; provided, that a member shall not receive additional legislative compensation when the general assembly is in session or if the member is being paid any other payment on the same date for attendance on other state business.

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