

SENATE BILL 2214

By Jackson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4,  
Chapter 29 and Title 49, relative to standards.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-313, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-312, is amended by deleting the last sentence of subsection (a) and substituting instead:

The standards recommendation committee shall make the final recommendations as to new sets of standards in all subjects to the state board, which shall adopt sets of standards that fit the needs of Tennessee students in kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12).

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-312, is further amended by deleting subsection (b) in its entirety and substituting instead:

(b) The committee shall be reconstituted beginning on January 1, 2017.

Members shall serve three-year terms, except that members appointed to the first committee after reconstitution shall serve terms as follows:

(1) One (1) member appointed by the governor, one (1) member appointed by the speaker of the senate, and one (1) member appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives shall initially serve a one-year term;

(2) One (1) member appointed by the governor, one (1) member appointed by the speaker of the senate, and one (1) member appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives shall initially serve a two-year term; and

(3) Two (2) members appointed by the governor, one (1) member appointed by the speaker of the senate, and one (1) member appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives shall initially serve a three-year term. Thereafter, terms of all committee members shall be three (3) years.

(c) The members of the committee shall receive no compensation for their services; provided, that each member of the committee shall be eligible for reimbursement of expenses and mileage in accordance with the regulations promulgated by the commissioner of finance and administration and approved by the attorney general and reporter.

(d) All appointments made pursuant to subsection (a) for the standards recommendation committee shall be subject to confirmation by the senate and the house of representatives, but appointments shall be effective until adversely acted upon by the senate and the house of representatives.

(e) Each member shall serve until the member's successor is appointed, and if a vacancy occurs on the committee, it shall be filled by the respective appointing authority for the remainder of the unexpired term, subject to confirmation by the senate and the house of representatives, but the appointment shall be effective until adversely acted upon by the senate and the house of representatives.

(f) Notwithstanding subsection (a), the standards recommendation committee shall be responsible for the review and evaluation of all standards, other than the science and social studies standards that are reviewed beginning in the 2015-2016 school year by the committee established in § 49-1-313.

SECTION 4. Section 1 of this act shall take effect when the standards recommendations committee appointed pursuant to § 49-1-313 has made its final recommendations or on July 1, 2017, whichever occurs first, the public welfare requiring it. All remaining sections of this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.