



# State of Tennessee

## PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 629

### HOUSE BILL NO. 1975

By Representatives Moody, Ragan, White, Dunn, Jerry Sexton, DeBerry, Haston, Rudder, Cepicky, Dixie, Hurt, Leatherwood, Clemmons, Weaver, Van Huss, Sherrell, Doggett, Matthew Hill, Timothy Hill, Kumar, Hall, Eldridge, Ogles, Reedy, Coley, Hodges, Howell, Bricken, Calfee, Helton, Hardaway, Powers, Smith, Beck, Zachary, Terry, Grills, Tillis, Gant, Thompson, Littleton, Faison

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2262

By Senators Gresham, Haile, Lundberg, Hensley, Dickerson, White, Stevens

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-417, relative to automatic revocation of the license of a licensed teacher or administrator.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-417(a), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting instead the following:

(a) The state board of education shall automatically revoke the license of a licensed teacher or administrator without the right to a hearing upon:

(1) Receiving verification of the identity of the teacher or administrator together with a certified copy of a criminal record showing the teacher or school administrator has been convicted of:

(A) Communicating a threat concerning a school employee, as described in § 39-13-114;

(B) Statutory rape by an authority figure, as described in § 39-13-532;

(C) Arson or aggravated arson, as described in § 39-14-301 and § 39-14-302;

(D) A burglary offense, as described in §§ 39-14-401—39-14-404;

(E) Child abuse, child neglect, or child endangerment, as described in § 39-15-401;

(F) Aggravated child abuse, aggravated child neglect, or aggravated child endangerment, as described in § 39-15-402;

(G) Providing handguns to juveniles, as described in § 39-17-1320;

(H) A sexual offense or a violent sexual offense as described in § 40-39-202;

(I) A felony offense in title 39, chapter 13;

(J) A felony offense in title 39, chapter 17, part 13; or

(K) Any offense listed in § 39-17-417 or § 40-35-501(i)(2); or

(2) Being identified by the department of children's services, after having exhausted or waived all due process rights available to the licensed teacher or administrator, as having committed child abuse, severe child abuse, child sexual abuse, or child neglect; or

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(3) The teacher's or administrator's name being placed on the state's vulnerable person's registry or the state's sex offender registry.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-417(c)(1), is amended by deleting the language "§ 39-13-532, § 39-17-417, and § 40-35-501(i)(2)" and substituting instead the language "subsection (a)".

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: March 12, 2020



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR