

HOUSE BILL 2135

By Smith

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2; Title 49, Chapter 5
and Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to sex education.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-1302(a), is amended by deleting the language "Beginning with the 1991-1992 school year" and substituting instead the language "Beginning with the 2020-2021 school year" and by deleting the language "fifteen (15) through seventeen (17) years of age" and substituting instead the language "fifteen (15) through nineteen (19) years of age".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) A person shall not make abortion referrals or otherwise advocate or encourage abortion while the person is present on school property or while the person is present at, or engaged in, any LEA-or school-sponsored activity, program, or event required as part of the person's employment or contract with an LEA or public school, or required as part of the person's provision of services to an LEA or public school.

(b) As used in this section, "person" means an individual, partnership, committee, association, corporation, or any other organization or group of persons:

(1) Employed by, or under contract with, an LEA or public school,
including public charter schools, or

(2) Providing services, including volunteer services, to an LEA or public school, including public charter schools.

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