

## EDUCATION LEGISLATION 2014

PUBLIC CHAPTER	SENATE BILL	HOUSE BILL	SUMMARY	CATEGORY
PC626	SB1724 by Johnson	HB2252 by Casada	Redefines the definition of "high performing school district" for purposes of the High Performing School Districts Flexibility Act; changes criteria around ACT/SAT scores.	accountability
PC723	SB1112 by Kyle	HB1179 by Towns	Requires the state board of education to develop a uniform grading system for grades k-8 which LEAs may adopt.	accountability
PC873	SB1863 by Tate	HB2082 by Love	Clarifies the number of days in which a student must be present in the classroom before the students TCAP scores are attributed to the specific teacher or school where the student is enrolled (150 days or 75 days on block schedule).	accountability
PC721	SB2285 by Dickerson	HB1989 by White D	Revises the provisions governing the revocation or nonrenewal of a public charter school agreement; requires revocation if a charter school falls within the lowest performing 5% of schools (priority schools) after 2015.	charter schools
PC847	SB2491 by Dickerson	HB2331 by Farmer	Allows a charter management organization to conduct meetings of its board of directors by electronic communication, if a physical quorum is not present at the meeting location without the determination that a necessity exists.	charter schools
PC850	SB0830 by Gresham	HB0702 by White M	So called "statewide authorizer" that bill creates an additional appeals process to the state board for denial of charter applications in districts that have a low-performing school (bottom 5% of schools statewide); the state board would become the authorizer although the LEA would have the option to be the authorizer when such an appeal is granted by the board, but the LEA could not place conditions on the approval.	charter schools
PC833	SB2002 by Massey	HB1735 by Sexton	Requires a report on dyslexia and requires in-service training for teachers and other training collaboration by the department of education with institutions of higher education concerning instruction related to dyslexia.	dyslexia
PC796	SB2342 by Bowling	HB2264 by Hawk	Prohibits the establishment of any rules, policies or guidelines to require the results from classroom observation evaluations to correlate with TVAAS statistical data	evaluation
PC885	SB2250 by Massey	HB2108 by Brooks H	Permits teachers and principals being evaluated to select the student achievement measures that represent 15% of their evaluations, if they can not agree with their evaluators on what should be used; requires the department to verify such measures correspond with the teaching assignment.	evaluation
PC1006	SB2355 by Gresham	HB2076 by Forgety	Permits LEAs to readjust salary schedules for persons in non-teaching positions when there has been a change in LEA boundaries or creation or reactivation of an LEA.	funding, budgeting, BEP
PC704	SB2277 by Dickerson	HB1894 by Marsh	Clarifies \$100 out of \$200 instructional supplies money be given to each teacher by October 31 so that the teacher may spend it at any time during that school year on instructional supplies as determined necessary by the teacher; requires LEA to send written explanation to education committees and commissioner for any noncompliance.	funding, budgeting, BEP
PC882	SB2101 by Finney	HB1978 by Pits	Requires the state board of education to establish guidelines for the department of education to provide a fiscal note detailing the financial impact to LEAs of any proposed rule or policy.	funding, budgeting, BEP

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PC901	SB1464 by Norris	HB1403 by McManus	Creates a process for resolution of disputes regarding distribution of mixed-drink tax between school systems and local governments.	funding, budgeting, BEP
PC980	SB1453 by McNally	HB1558 by Ragan	Clarifies accounts to which local education funds are deposited; applies to Anderson County only.	funding, budgeting, BEP
PC716	SB2063 by Southerland	HB1942 by Hawk	Permits municipalities to extend the terms of local school board members in order to comply with the general law and synchronize local elections to the general election.	governance
PC968	SB1924 by Finney	HB1846 by Johnson G	Authorizes and encourages the creation of community schools, which provide learning opportunities outside the regular school hours.	governance
PC491	SB1540 by Bell	HB1636 by Matheny	Extends the energy efficient schools council, June 30, 2019.	government operations
PC495	SB1552 by Bell	HB1628 by Matheny	Extends the school bond authority, June 30, 2022.	government operations
PC513	SB1531 by Bell	HB1639 by Matheny	Extends the child care advisory council, June 30, 2019.	government operations
PC665	SB1554 by Bell	HB1606 by Matheny	Extends the Southern Regional Education Compact, June 30, 2020.	government operations
PC972	SB2093 by Green	HB1969 by Pitts	Makes the children of armed services personnel who were killed or reported missing in action eligible to attend pilot pre-kindergarten programs and requires licensed child care agencies to prioritize such children on any waiting list for admission.	military children
PC888	SB2311 by McNally	HB2133 by Ragan	Allows LEA employees who are not teachers, but who accrue sick leave, to participate in the LEA's teacher sick leave bank.	personnel
PC1013	SB2559 by Bowling	HB2453 by Matheny	Requires that LEAs must make all teaching materials, including handouts readily available for review upon request by the parents or legal guardians; Official operating policies of boards of education must provide that a parent or legal guardian is entitled to review tests that are developed by and graded by a teacher of the parent or legal guardian's child.	standards, curriculum, data
PC781	SB1881 by Niceley	HB1697 by Butt	Requires the state board of education to include cursive writing in the course of instruction in public schools and requires the local board of education to provide instruction in cursive writing.	standards, curriculum, data
PC811	SB2561 by Kyle	HB2479 by Akbari	Requires the state board of education, department of education and the office of research and education accountability to confer with other stakeholders and determine the best means of establishing a best practices clearinghouse that shall identify, develop and share best practices from models of education reform with K-12 public schools.	standards, curriculum, data
PC878	SB1940 by Johnson	HB1871 by Coley	Makes technical changes to the statutes on family life curriculum; revises language (1) to provide that the curriculum must "emphatically promote only" sexual risk avoidance through abstinence and (2) specifies that the sexually transmitted diseases included in the curriculum include but are not limited to HIV/AIDS.	standards, curriculum, data
PC892	SB2404 by Hensley	HB2167 by Butt	Requires dissemination by the department of education and LEAs to parents of information concerning state and LEA mandated tests.	standards, curriculum, data

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PC905	SB1835 by Gresham	HB1549 by Dunn	Establishes requirements for the adoption of educational standards; prohibits use of student data for purposes other than tracking academic progress and educational needs of students; amended at end of legislative session to: (a) include new provisions that prevent adoption of common core state standards beyond Math and ELA, (b) add a provision delaying PARCC testing, (c) keep TCAP testing one more year, and (d) require an RFP for testing in school year 15-16.	standards, curriculum, data
PC925	SB2006 by Green	HB1973 by Pitts	Requires the department of education to maintain the unique personal identification numbers of students of active duty military parents or guardians in a separate database to identify and track these students if the students move to different schools across the state and country.	standards, curriculum, data
PC935	SB2460 by Finney	HB2295 by Pitts	Designates the month of August as "Women in STEM" month to raise awareness of the opportunities for women to pursue a career in a STEM (fields of study science, technology, engineering, and mathematics related fields).	standards, curriculum, data
PC939	SB1266 by Niceley	HB1129 by Hill T	Requires instruction on American and Tennessee government including an emphasis on American foundational instruments and instruction in American historical achievement. (* This was the bill that at one point was amended twice in the House to "postpone further implementation" of common core and PARCC respectively until July 1, 2016; those amendments were ultimately withdrawn).	standards, curriculum, data
PC614	SB1445 by Dickerson	HB1383 by Sexton	Adds administration of insulin to medications school personnel may volunteer to administer; requires administration of medication by school nurse, if one is on-site.	student health/safety
PC703	SB2246 by Hensley	HB2049 by Gilmore	Encourages schools and LEAs to use various measures to limit students' exposure to harmful substances while at school.	student health/safety
PC706	SB2421 by Overbey	HB2294 by White M	Requires the departments of education and children's services to work together to enhance or adapt curriculum materials that focus on child sexual abuse, including such abuse which may occur in the child's home.	student health/safety
PC717	SB2073 by Haile	HB2217 by Weaver	Defines as confidential, information relative to school safety plans; provides that meetings involving school safety plans are not subject to the open meetings laws; requires such plans be shared with local law enforcement; clarifies nothing in the bill prohibits sharing appropriate information with parents.	student health/safety
PC741	SB1843 by Finney	HB2212 by Camper	Requires any law enforcement agency providing a school resource officer or other school security officer to have a policy on the use and discharge of a Taser or other stun gun on school property; policy must address training and documentation of use.	student health/safety
PC757	SB0583 by Haile	HB0477 by Rogers	As enacted, establishes provisions governing the school assignment and other education-related issues regarding juveniles adjudicated delinquent as result of certain acts.	student health/safety
PC792	SB1864 by Tate	HB2083 by Love	Requires the department of education to report the number of student referrals by the LEAs to the juvenile court by schools, local school districts, gender and race in the department's annual report.	student health/safety

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PC844	SB2356 by Dickerson	HB2079 by Powell	Makes changes and clarifications regarding criminal background checks; prohibits contact with children on school grounds where background check shows conviction of certain offenses including sexual offenses; requires notification to employer when convicted of certain offenses.	student health/safety
PC986	SB1760 by Ketron	HB1658 by Brooks K	Prohibits counting walking to and from class towards the minimum of 90 minutes per week of required physical activity for public school students.	student health/safety
PC692	SB1786 by Tate	HB1654 by Coley	Requires an LEA in which a student is transferring to another school to send the student's records, including disciplinary records, to the school to which the student transfers; requires an LEA from which a student is transferring to another LEA to send the student's records, including disciplinary records, to the LEA to which the student transfers; requires LEAs in transferring records to comply with FERPA.	student records
PC654	SB1793 by Haile	HB1547 by Rogers	Enacts the "Religious Viewpoints Antidiscrimination Act; provides an LEA may not discriminate against a student based on the religious nature of the student's speech or expression in a "limited public forum"; an LEA may have reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions and is not required to have a limited public forum.	student rights
PC687	SB1425 by Campfield	HB1906 by Holt	Allows LEAs to teach the history of traditional winter celebrations; allows students and staff to use traditional greetings of such celebrations; and allows LEAs to display winter celebration scenes or symbols under certain conditions.	student rights
PC742	SB1856 by Crowe	HB1381 by Forgety	Permits and LEA to adopt a salary schedule identical in structure or salary levels or both to the one in use in 2012-13; expressly permits recognition of 1-20 years of experience and 5 education levels; adoption of such schedule may not reduce the salary of any certified personnel.	teacher compensation
PC740	SB1813 by Massey	HB1758 by Haynes	Allows teachers scoring "significantly above expectations" on each of their last 3 evaluations to petition the commissioner of education for a waiver of any requirement for the renewal of their licenses.	teacher licensing
PC746	SB2240 by Tracy	HB1375 by Forgety	Prohibits an educator's license from being non-renewed or revoked based on student growth data from tests or other forms of student test scores (has practical effect or prohibiting use of evaluation in licensure renewal or revocation).	teacher licensing
PC684	SB0417 by Crowe	HB0091 by Eldridge	As enacted, limits duration that a tenured teacher may be suspended pending investigation to 90 days only if the matter investigated is not the subject of an ongoing criminal investigation or a DCS investigation.	teacher rights
PC891	SB2370 by Tate	HB2125 by Pitts	Includes non-tenured teachers in the law which permits a suspension of a teacher by the director of schools for three days or less when the suspension is not made in anticipation of dismissal; such suspensions require a less formalized due process.	teacher rights
PC931	SB2257 by Massey	HB2121 by Dunn	Provides that duty-free teacher time for instructional planning shall be allocated on an individual basis.	teacher rights
PC981	SB1602 by Bell	HB2249 by Casada	Reconstitutes the state textbook commission as the state textbook and instructional materials commission; vacates all positions with new members appointed January, 2015; restructures process for textbook adoption with emphasis on transparency and local involvement.	textbooks

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PC743	SB1966 by Bell	HB1507 by Travis	As enacted, extends the allowable number of years for a school bus to be in service to 18 years; revises other provisions relate to the use and inspection of school buses.	transportation
PC672	SB2392 by Overbey	HB1799 by Swann	Revises the reason for which an LEA may apply to the commissioner for a waiver of a state board rule or regulation from "it inhibits or hinders the LEA's ability to implement innovative programs designed to improve student achievement" to "it inhibits or hinders the LEAs ability to meet its goals or comply with its mission".	waivers
PC678	SB1611 by Green	HB1977 by Pitts	Requires any waiver of rules, regulations or policies granted by the Department of Education to be posted on the department's web site within five business days of approval; requires a rationale of the waiver to be included on the web site.	waivers