

HOUSE BILL 2859
By Winningham

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-1002, relative to use of school time for athletics.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-1002(a) is amended by deleting the words "or play" after the word "practice".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-1002 is amended by inserting a period after the word "week" and by deleting the remaining language and punctuation.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-1002 is amended by inserting the following new subsection designated as subsection (b) and by re-designating existing subsections (b) and (c) as (c) and (d) respectively.

"(b) It is unlawful for any president, principal or teacher of any educational institution under the control of the state board of education or any local board of education to dismiss the school or any group of students or pupils of the school for the purpose of permitting them to play baseball, football, basketball or any other similar game, within the regular school hours of any school day of the week, without written permission from the governing board of the institution."

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 1998, the public welfare requiring it.

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