

**Amendment No. 2 to SB0813**

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by deleting all sections of the bill following the enacting clause and substituting the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1, is amended by adding Sections 2 through 7 of this act as a new part.

SECTION 2. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Coordinated School Health Improvement Act of 1999".

SECTION 3. The commissioner of education, in consultation with the department of health and in accordance with its duties under Title 68, Chapter 1, Part 12, shall develop guidelines based on the federal centers for disease control and prevention model for the implementation of a coordinated school health program. It is the intent that these guidelines serve as a model for local education agencies in addressing the health needs of their students and improving student opportunities for academic achievement. Components of a coordinated school health program shall include, but not be limited to, health services, health education, school nutrition services, physical education, healthy school environment, school counseling, school psychological and social services, staff health and wellness, and family and community involvement to enhance student health. In formulating this program, the commissioner shall consider existing local school/local health departments and community collaborations to promote and support student health and wellness, as well as other state and local programs and initiatives in this area.

SECTION 4. (a) Subject to available funding, the department of education shall establish a state grant program to assist local education agencies in implementing a coordinated school health program. In order to qualify for a coordinated school health

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grant, a local education agency shall submit a detailed plan of how the agency currently addresses the health needs of school children, who would serve as school health coordinator, and how the agency would use the state grant to augment what it is currently doing.

(b) The plan shall give priority to school health as a means to assist in meeting the education performance indicators of Section 49-1-211(o)(3). The plan shall be developed in accordance with the guidelines for a coordinated school health program developed by the commissioner of education. The plan and any proposed forms for applications or requests for proposals for grants should be offered to the joint oversight committee on education for review and comment. The goal of the grant program shall be to help the local education agencies establish a bona fide coordinated school health program that improves the overall health and wellness of students.

(c) Priority in the award of grants shall be given to local education agencies which are in compliance with all provisions of law or the basic education program concerning student health services and personnel, and to local education agencies which have demonstrated leadership in provision of student health services through commitment of local funds or allocation of state funds above those required and through the maintenance of an adequate school nurse and health education program.

(d) The annual report on school health to the governor and general assembly required by Section 49-5-415(d) shall include information on progress toward the goal.

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SECTION 5. (a) The amount in the grant program shall be limited to the amount appropriated and shall be available to local education agencies based on the guidelines developed by the commissioner of education.

(b) The amount that each local education agency is eligible to receive shall be subject to a local match, following the funding model set forth in Section 49-6-4302(c)(2).

(c) Any grants made to a local education agency shall be expended in addition to any funds already expended as school health programs. For this purpose, expenditures of components enumerated in Section 3 of this act for the 1998-1999 fiscal year shall be considered the base expenditure on school health, and any local education agency receiving grant funds shall maintain this base.

SECTION 6. (a) State grants are only for the coordination and improvement of school health programs and shall not supplant any existing expenditures for school nurses, school counselors, school psychologists, social workers, health educators, teachers, administrators, or any other school health-related expenditures as determined by the commissioner.

(b) The department of education and the department of health shall coordinate existing school health programs, grants, and initiatives. To the extent possible in light of existing contracts and waiver requirements, funding, including TennCare funding, shall likewise be coordinated, and schools should be encouraged and permitted to perform health screening services under TennCare contracts.

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SECTION 7. The use of grant funds shall be subject to audit by the office of the comptroller

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.