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AMEND Senate Bill No. 1011*

House Bill No. 1294

by deleting all of the language following the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, Chapter 3, Part 5 is amended by adding the following as an appropriately designated new section:

37-3-5__.

(a) The department of education, in collaboration with the department of children’s services and the department of health, shall develop a pilot program establishing a state supported school for pregnant teenagers. The pilot program shall be implemented in the city of Memphis and shall place particular emphasis on dropout prevention and enhanced support services. The number of pilot program participants shall not be less than thirty (30) students and shall not exceed fifty (50) students. The pilot program shall be restricted to pregnant teenagers.

(b) The school shall employ an on-site guidance counselor who shall work to ensure that each pilot program participant’s coursework progresses adequately and that the participant’s coursework conforms to the state’s graduation requirements. The guidance counselor shall coordinate academic tutoring, non-tuition summer school, and homebound services as needed for each pilot program participant.

(c) The school shall employ an on-site career counselor who shall promote career development and assist each pilot program participant with outlining career goals and objectives. The career counselor shall guide each pilot program participant’s research of occupations or areas of interest, including

an assessment of the required training, education and skills for the identified occupation or area of interest.

(d) The school shall employ an on-site nurse who shall promote health and wellness and instruct teen parenting and family planning classes with topics to include birth control methods, conception, pregnancy, childbirth, and the development of practical parenting skills. The classes shall also feature speakers from the healthcare profession who shall discuss issues related to mental, physical, and emotional health.

(e) This pilot program shall be implemented with funds appropriated for that purpose in the 2005-2006 general appropriations act.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.