

SENATE BILL 2783

By Burchett

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 5 and Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to K-12 athletic coaches and coaching assistants.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 4, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

§ 49-6-452.

The Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association shall require all member schools to perform a background check on any person applying for a position as an athletic coach or coaching assistant, including but not limited to volunteer positions. The applicant shall be required to supply a fingerprint sample and submit to a criminal history records check to be conducted by the Tennessee bureau of investigation and the federal bureau of investigation prior to permitting the person to have contact with the children or enter school grounds. Any reasonable costs incurred by the Tennessee bureau of investigation in conducting the investigation of an applicant shall be paid by the applicant in accordance with § 49-5-413.

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