

SENATE BILL 2834

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to behavior and discipline of elementary and secondary public school students.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 40, is amended by adding a new section thereto, as follows:

Section 49-6-4019. In addition to the code of acceptable behavior and discipline formulated pursuant to § 49-6-4012, each student shall receive an individualized education disciplinary and accountability program developed by a teacher of the student, a guidance counselor, and a parent or guardian of the student. Such program shall address the series of consequences and penalties that will be employed if the student commits a disciplinary violation. The individualized education disciplinary and accountability program shall consider the ability of the student to conform to acceptable classroom and school behavior and the effects upon other students when disciplinary violations occur. Education personnel shall consult the student's individualized education disciplinary and accountability program when the student's behavior is disruptive to a learning environment or could be harmful to the student or others.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect August 1, 2010, the public welfare requiring it.