

HOUSE BILL 1718

By Swann

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2; Title 49, Chapter 3 and Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to funding educational enrichment activities.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 2, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

49-2-1\_\_.

(a)

(1) A local board of education may establish an educational enrichment field trip fund to receive donations or grants from individuals or from private corporations, associations or other artificial entities, both nonprofit and for profit, who desire to help support field trips for educational enrichment within schools of the LEA. Monies in such fund shall be used solely for education enrichment field trips.

(2) The local board of education shall develop a policy for the use of educational enrichment field trip fund that complies with guidelines developed by the department of education. Emphasis shall be on the use of the fund to facilitate trips that address specific curriculum goals for participating students and that require more time than the school day affords.

(3) All earnings attributable to the investment of monies in an educational enrichment field trip fund shall remain in the fund for use for field trips.

(4) Donations and grants shall not be accepted for specific trips or purposes; however, donors may earmark their donations for use in a specific school.

(b)

(1) The department of education shall develop guidelines for use by local boards in establishing educational enrichment field trip funds and in developing policies for the use of funds. The department shall emphasize the use of such funds to facilitate trips that address specific curriculum goals for participating students and that require more time than the school day affords.

(2) The department is authorized to develop standards for recognition of donors based on the amount given and cumulative amounts given over a period of years. The department shall set a level or levels for donations that, if a donor exceeds a specified level of donation in any year, the donor shall be recognized by an appropriate appellation to be determined by the department. A donor may also be recognized for consistently donating to a local fund over a period of years. A donor that is recognized for donation to a local fund may use the appellation granted to the donor in advertising related to the donor's business or operations during the time period for which the donor receives recognition. The department may also provide an appropriate logo for use by donors in advertising to indicate recognition for funding of educational enrichment field trips.

SECTION 2. The commissioner of education is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this act. All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.