

HOUSE BILL 3506

By Kernell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-2-502, relative to earthquake preparedness and mitigation planning.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-2-502(b), is amended by adding the following language as new subdivision (4):

(4) If the special school district that is transferring administration of its schools to the county board of education and the county school system are required under § 49-1-302(a)(17) to conduct earthquake preparedness drills, then the transition planning commission shall perform an assessment of the likelihood of the occurrence of an earthquake or earthquakes in the area in which the school systems are located, the earthquake preparedness of the two (2) systems and the costs of mitigating potential earthquake damage. The commission shall create a report that assesses the earthquake preparedness needs of the school systems and the funding requirements for performing essential earthquake damage mitigation. The commission may consult with the center for earthquake research and information at the University of Memphis, the Tennessee emergency management agency and the west Tennessee seismic safety commission in preparing its report. These agencies shall provide assistance to the commission, as requested. The commission is also encouraged to consult with the Central United States Earthquake Consortium.

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