

SENATE BILL 1373
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HOUSE BILL 1316

By Rogers

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 6, relative to voluntary student expression
of religious viewpoints in school assignments.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 10, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

49-6-10___. Students may express their beliefs about religion in homework, artwork, and other written and oral assignments free from discrimination based on the religious content of their submissions. Homework and classroom assignments shall be judged by ordinary academic standards of substance and relevance and against other legitimate academic concerns identified by the LEA. Students may not be penalized or rewarded on account of the religious content of their work.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013, the public welfare requiring it.