

SENATE BILL 1292

By Hensley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 6, relative to reporting errors in textbooks.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 22, is amended by adding the following new section:

(a) Any group of citizens may submit error reports to the state textbook and instructional materials quality commission. The error reports shall contain:

(1) Identification of the error with a reference to the text and a photocopy of the page containing the error;

(2) The text title, edition, and publication date;

(3) A description of the error;

(4) Citation to any authority for the fact asserted disputing the information in the textbook;

(5) Any recommendation for corrective action; and

(6) Signatures of the citizens in the citizen group who are submitting the report.

(b) Within thirty (30) days of receipt of any error report compiled pursuant to subsection (a), the state textbook and instructional materials quality commission shall respond in writing to each reported error. The response shall be reported to the citizens submitting the error report, the education committee of the senate, and the education instruction and programs committee of the house of representatives for approval of the report. Any citizen group who disagrees with the report may appeal in writing to the commission to receive a public hearing before a joint education committee.

(c) No textbook shall be approved for use in the public schools of this state until the error is corrected by the textbook publisher. The commission shall send LEAs notice of any errors and shall include specific details on the error and any recommendations for corrections.

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