

HOUSE BILL 2752

By DeBerry

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
relative to education.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 3, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a)

(1) An LEA that receives state funding through the basic education program (BEP) shall not use any portion of the state funds received through the BEP to contract with a private, third-party vendor for the provision of meals or services to students enrolled in each of the LEA's public schools.

(2) As used in subdivision (a)(1), "services" includes, but is not limited to, services intended to ensure that each of the LEA's public schools provide students with safe and sanitary facilities, such as cafeteria and janitorial services.

(b) This section does not prohibit an LEA from contracting with a private, third-party vendor for vending machines or for the provision of school security or other educational or health-related services provided by licensed professionals.

(c) LEAs and public schools that receive state funding through the BEP are encouraged to directly employ the staff necessary to provide meals and services, as defined in subsection (a), to students enrolled in each of the LEA's public schools.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3004(c), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

(4) An LEA or public school shall not require teachers to pay any of the costs associated with professional development or in-service training required by the LEA or

public school, including, but not limited to, professional development or in-service training provided by private, third parties. An LEA or public school that requires its teachers to attend professional development or in-service training shall bear all costs associated with the required professional development or in-service training.

SECTION 3. This act shall not be construed to abridge or impair a contract or agreement executed before the effective date of this act. Any such contract or agreement shall remain in full force and effect until the expiration of the contract or agreement.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. Section 1 of this act applies to all contracts executed, amended, or renewed on or after the effective date. Section 2 of this act applies to the 2020-2021 school year and each school year thereafter.