HOUSE BILL 2464

By Stevens

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

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-2-203(a)(14), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following:

- (14) Adopt policies on the use of substitute teachers. The policies must, at a minimum, include the following provisions:
 - (A) The required qualifications and training, including a requirement that substitute teachers receive the annual school safety training required by § 49-6-805(7) or other instruction on emergency response procedures developed by the local board of education;
 - (B) A requirement that all substitute teachers providing instruction are subject to background check requirements pursuant to § 49-5-413; and
 - (C) A prohibition against employing or contracting with any substitute teacher whose records indicate a license or certificate in this state or another state currently in revoked status; and

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to the 2024-2025 school year and each school year thereafter.