HOUSE BILL 2475

By Powers

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to K-12 education.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-1204, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection (c):

(c) All driver education courses shall include instruction on the dangers of using hand-held mobile telephones or hand-held personal digital assistants to transmit or read a written message. Students shall be apprised that it is a delinquent act for a person under eighteen (18) years of age to knowingly operate a motor vehicle on any road or highway and use a mobile telephone or personal digital assistant that is equipped with a hands-free device to transmit or read a written message under § 55-8-199 and shall be apprised of the penalty for such delinquent act.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018, the public welfare requiring it.