

HOUSE BILL 1559

By Zachary

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 6, relative to educational programs for
students in kindergarten through grade twelve.

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 as a new section:

(a) Each LEA and public charter school shall provide age-appropriate instruction
to public school students in kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) on the events of
September 11, 2001. The instruction required under this subsection (a) must:

- (1) Occur annually on September 11;
- (2) Begin at eight forty-six a.m. (8:46 a.m.), prevailing time;
- (3) Continue for a minimum of nine (9) minutes and eleven (11) seconds;
- (4) Incorporate the phrases "United We Stand" and "Never Forget"; and
- (5) Focus on heroism, patriotism, and the sacrifices made by the first
responders and volunteers who aided in the rescue and recovery efforts.

(b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a)(1), if September 11 falls on a day when
school is not in session, then the instruction required under this section must be
provided to students on the last regular school day that immediately precedes
September 11 of that year.

(c) The department of education shall provide each LEA and public charter
school with a variety of age-appropriate and grade-appropriate internet resources and
materials that may be used to educate K-12 public school students about the events of
September 11, 2001. The resources and materials identified by the department should

aid educators and curriculum coordinators in creating programs and lesson plans. Each LEA and public charter school shall determine the resources and materials that will be used to provide the instruction required under subsection (a).

(d) The instruction required under subsection (a) must comply with § 49-6-1011.

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