AN ACT

To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, requiring the TN Department of Education to conduct a study on school start times

BE IT ENACTED BY THE 2017 TENNESSEE 4-H CONGRESS:

SECTION 1: This act shall be known as the “Secondary Education Delayed School Start Time Study.”

SECTION 2: This Act would require a feasibility study to be conducted by the TN Department of Education, and should include input from medical, psychological, and health professionals.

SECTION 3: This Act recognizes the recent recommendations of medical professionals, and the American Academy of Pediatrics, to establish later school start times for pre-adolescents and adolescents.

SECTION 4: Tennessee public secondary school students in grades 6-12 would be the target audience for this program.

SECTION 5: The study should include an assessment of health, academic, and safety benefits associated with establishing later school start times.

SECTION 6: This study should evaluate any negative impacts on school districts and families that may be associated with a later start time, and develop strategies for addressing any potential problems.

SECTION 7: The study should review all available literature and data on experiences of school districts that have implemented later start times.

SECTION 8: The TN Department of Education is to advise the Tennessee General Assembly and the Governor on the feasibility of this program.

SECTION 9: This act shall become effective upon passage by the legislature and approved by the Governor or upon its otherwise becoming law.

Passed: _____________________
Speaker of the Senate
Tennessee 4-H Congress

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Speaker of the House of Representatives
Tennessee 4-H Congress

Approved: _____________________
Governor
Tennessee 4-H Congress