AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Titles 4, 39, 47, relative to wagering on sporting events

BE IT ENACTED BY THE 2019 TENNESSEE 4-H CONGRESS:

SECTION 1: This act shall be known as the “Sports Wagering for Stronger Schools Act.” Allows placing a wager on authorized sporting events or on the individual performance statistics of athletes participating in a sporting event by any system or method of wagering, including in-person and electronic communication through an online sports wagering platform. "Authorized sporting event" means any professional sport or athletic event, any college or university sport or athletic event, or any Olympic sport or athletic event sanctioned by the International Olympic Committee, but does not include horse racing.

SECTION 2: As enacted, this bill permits cities in Tennessee, with a population of 167,000 or greater, the option to hold a referendum allowing sports betting. A city's governing body shall designate the area or areas of the city in which physical sports booking locations may exist. To expand the designated area or areas in which physical sports book locations may exist, a city shall pass a resolution designating the area or areas proposed for expansion, and forward that resolution to the county election commission.

SECTION 3: This bill creates a state sports wagering commission that would oversee sports betting operators in TN, and would be housed in the Department of Tourism. The State of Tennessee would collect a 10 percent privilege tax from sports betting operators. Local municipalities could enact an additional 2 percent privilege tax, earmarked for pre-K through 12th grade education.

SECTION 4: This act shall become effective upon passage by the legislature and approval by the Governor or upon its otherwise becoming a law.

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

Speaker of the House of Representatives Tennessee 4-H Congress

Approved: ___________________ Governor Tennessee 4-H Congress