AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to elementary and secondary school pupils.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

49-6-___.

In accordance with Section 2 of this bill, as amended, it shall be the duty of each local education agency to integrate a minimum of ninety (90) minutes of physical activity per week into the instructional school day for elementary and secondary school students. Opportunities to engage in physical activity may include walking, jumping rope, playing volleyball, or other forms of physical activities that promote fitness and well-being.

SECTION ___. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 10, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

§49-6-10___.

(a) Each LEA is authorized to implement a coordinated school health program under the guidelines developed by the commissioner of education, in consultation with the department of health, pursuant to § 49-1-1002 during the 2006-2007 school year and shall implement such program by the 2007-2008 school year.

(b) To assist with the implementation and support of coordinated school health programs, there are hereby created in the department of education the positions of school health coordinator and specialist in physical education. The school health coordinator shall coordinate and oversee the implementation of coordinated school health programs in LEAs, provide continuing support for coordinated school health programs and perform such other duties as may be assigned by the commissioner. The specialist in physical education shall serve as a resource and support person for any LEA with regard to implementation of
physical education programs, provide information to LEAs relating to physical education and relating to professional development for physical education instructors, and perform such other duties as may be assigned by the commissioner.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 26, 2006

APPROVED this 20th day of July 2006

Editorial Comment: House Bill 3750 originally was signed by Governor Phil Bredesen on June 27, 2006, and assigned Public Chapter No. 1001. Later, an engrossing error was discovered and the bill was resigned by the governor on July 20, 2006.