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FINAL REPORT

TEA Champions Improvements in Employee Salaries/Benefits **A Strong Membership Ensures a Strong voice on Capitol Hill!**

Education was the “front and center” issue during the 2007 legislative session, and the Tennessee Education Association was right in the middle of the action! Thanks to Governor Phil Bredesen and a majority of the legislature, major revisions in the Basic Education Program (BEP) coupled with a 42-cent increase in the cigarette tax, pumped over \$290 million new dollars into public education. Over the next three years, public schools will receive nearly \$525 million new dollars based on this year’s action.

The 60, 80, 90 campaign has three long-range goals:

- Increasing from the current 48% to **60%** the average final compensation under the TCRS formula.
- Increasing from the current 45% to **80%** the amount paid by the state for teacher health insurance.
- Increasing teacher salaries to **90%** of the national teacher salary average through the BEP formula.

TEA made significant progress in 2007 in advancing the compensation issue. The budget for the upcoming school year contains a 3% salary increase. The 3% increase will significantly impact retirement benefits since the retirement formula is based on average salary and years of service. On insurance issue, TEA was successful in inserting into the appropriations bill the following: the BEP formula for 2008-09 “shall include 50% funding for medical insurance for instructional positions.”

Your Association is committed to achieving the goals of the 60, 80, 90 campaign and will continue to build on this year’s success – TEA members deserve no less!

SEVERAL ANTI-EDUCATION ISSUES WERE “STOPPED” BY TEA THIS YEAR, INCLUDING:

- **Vouchers** – proposal would have provided \$7500 per student to attend private/parochial schools
- **Charter Schools** -- proposal to make all “at risk” students eligible to attend unproven charter schools
- **Virtual Charter Schools** – proposal could have drained millions from local public school budgets
- **Scope of Bargaining** – proposal would have limited discussions of certain compensation plans
- **Student Medical Issues** – proposals would have greatly expanded the “nursing” role of educators
- **Special Education** – TEA worked to amend two bills which could have negatively impacted educators and LEAs

TOGETHER, we can keep moving education forward. TOGETHER, we can ensure that educators receive the respect -- and compensation -- they deserve. A strong membership means a strong voice on Capitol Hill – JOIN TODAY!

SUMMARIES OF SELECTED 2007 EDUCATION RELATED LEGISLATION

BEP Structural Changes – sponsored by Rep. Gary Odom (D-Nashville) and Sen. Jim Kyle (D-Memphis) – Implements “BEP 2.0.” Revises Basic Education Program funding formula. Increases state funding portion of teacher salaries; increases teacher salary cost component; improves state funding for at-risk and ELL students; eliminates the Cost Differential Factor (CDF); increases funding for medical insurance premiums for instructional positions; caps one-year change in fiscal capacity at 40%. Effective July 1, 2007. **Public Chapter 369.**

BEP/Reporting Requirements – sponsored by Rep. Gary Odom (D-Nashville) and Sen. Jim Kyle (D-Memphis) – Requires that the annual report submitted by the committee for the Tennessee Basic Education Program, which includes recommendations on needed revisions, additions, and deletions to the BEP formula as well as an analysis of instructional salary disparity among LEAs, must also include an analysis of disparity in benefits and other compensation among LEAs. Amends TCA, Title 49, Chapter 1. Effective June 7, 2007. **Public Chapter 367.**

Accountability – sponsored by Rep. Craig Fitzhugh (R-Ripley) and Sen. Randy McNally (R-Oak Ridge) – Requires implementation of various K-12 and higher education accountability provisions. Effective July 1, 2007. **Public Chapter 376.**

Appropriations Act FY 2007-2008 – sponsored by Rep. Gary Odom (D-Nashville) and Sen. Jim Kyle (D-Memphis) – Makes appropriations for fiscal years 2006-2007 and 2007-2008. Effective July 1, 2007. **Public Chapter 603.**

In-Service/Suicide Prevention – sponsored by Rep. Les Winningham (D-Huntsville) and Sen. Diane Black (R-Gallatin) – Requires two hours of the mandated five days of annual teachers’ in-service training to be devoted to training in suicide prevention; specifies that requirement may be met through self-review of suitable prevention materials. Amends TCA, Title 49, Chapter 5 and Title 49, Chapter 6. Effective July 1, 2007. **Public Chapter 45.**

In-Service/Member Health Issues – sponsored by Rep. Les Winningham (D-Huntsville) and Sen. Charlotte Burks (D-Monterey) – Requires in-service training regarding early onset of mental illness in children and adolescents. Effective July 1, 2007. **Public Chapter 247.**

School Mascots – sponsored by Rep. Mike Bell (R-Riceville) and Sen. Dewayne Bunch (R-Cleveland) – Prohibits state agencies from prohibiting use of American Indian symbols, names, and mascots. Amends TCA, Title 1, Chapter 4 and Title 49. Effective June 7, 2007. **Public Chapter 371.**

TCRS/Board Composition – sponsored by Rep. Harry Brooks (R-Knoxville) and Sen. Randy McNally (R-Oak Ridge) – Adds two public safety officials to board of trustees of TCRS, to be appointed by the governor; such members will serve two-year terms; allows public safety organizations to submit lists of three names of qualified persons for selection. Amends TCA, Title 8, Chapter 34, Part 3. Effective June 25, 2007. **Public Chapter 508.**

LEA’s/Higher Education Cooperative Program – sponsored by Rep. Les Winningham (D-Huntsville) and Sen. Jamie Woodson (R-Knoxville) – Provides for establishment of cooperative innovative programs in high schools and public colleges and universities; requires articulation agreement for college credit for certain high school courses. Amends TCA, Title 49. Effective June 19, 2007. **Public Chapter 459.**

Curriculum/Wellness – sponsored by Rep. Doug Overbey (R-Maryville) and Sen. Tim Burchett (R-Knoxville) – Urges the State board of Education to develop guidelines for the materials and method of instruction used to teach the procedure for voluntarily surrendering a newborn baby and to include that instruction in the lifetime wellness curriculum for grades nine through 12. Amends TCA, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 10. Effective July 1, 2007. **Public Chapter 174.**

Curriculum/Personal Finance – sponsored by Rep. Les Wunningham (D-Huntsville) and Sen. Jamie Woodson (R-Knoxville) – Removes provision that permits a course on personal finance to satisfy instruction requirement on the free enterprise system. Amends TCA, Section 49-6-1205. Effective July 1, 2007. **Public Chapter 303.**

Career/Technical Education/Study – sponsored by Rep. Brenda Gilmore (D-Nashville) and Sen. Joe Haynes (D-Goodlettsville) – Requires study of curriculum in career and technical education. Effective June 5, 2007. **Public Chapter 354.**

Adult Education – sponsored by Rep. John Tidwell (D-New Johnsonville) and Sen. Rosalind Kurita (D-Clarksville) – Requires Department of Education to develop alternate methods whereby adult students at adult high schools may satisfy any requirement that such students have a minimum number of contact hours to earn credit for a course. Amends TCA, Title 49. Effective May 24, 2007. **Public Chapter 213.**

Smyrna Rehabilitation Center Salaries – sponsored by Rep. Les Wunningham (D-Huntsville) and Sen. Jim Tracy (R-Shelbyville) – Requires the salary schedules for certain faculty at the statewide comprehensive rehabilitation and training center to be comparable to those of other teachers in the LEA. Amends TCA, Section 49-11-803. Effective July 1, 2007. **Public Chapter 561.**

Special Education Due Process – sponsored by Rep. Rob Briley (D-Nashville) and Sen. Bill Ketron (R-Murfreesboro) – Modifies procedures for special education due process hearings. Amends TCA, Title 49, Chapter 10, Part 6. Effective July 1, 2007. **Public Chapter 598.**

Special Education/Studies – sponsored by Rep. Sherry Jones (D-Nashville) and Sen. Doug Jackson (D-Dickson) – Studies various aspects of special education practices and procedures. Effective July 1, 2007. **Public Chapter 575.**

TCRS/Investments – sponsored by Rep. Craig Fitzhugh (D-Ripley) and Sen. Randy McNally (D-Oak Ridge) – Authorizes the TCRS Board of Trustees to contract for investment services for the retirement system's portfolio. Amends TCA, Section 8-37-104. Amends TCA, Section 8-37-104. Effective May 16, 2007. **Public Chapter 175.**

School Accountability/Studies – sponsored by Rep. Les Wunningham (D-Huntsville) and Sen. Jamie Woodson (R-Knoxville) – Directs the office of education accountability to periodically study the school accountability system and report its findings to the general assembly; removes the duty of the office of accountability to study schools or school systems on notice or probation. Amends TCA, Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 6. Effective July 1, 2007. **Public Chapter 11.**

School Bus Policies – sponsored by Rep. Harry Brooks (R-Knoxville) and Sen. Raymond Finney (R-Maryville) – Requires school bus drivers to deposit student at student's destination and requires LEAs to assure school bus drivers understand their duties and responsibilities with respect to management of unruly student bus riders. Amends TCA, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 21. Effective July 1, 2007. **Public Chapter 261.**

JROTC – sponsored by Rep. Joe McCord (R-Maryville) and Sen. Bo Watson -- Permits class size limits to be exceeded for JROTC; revises present law authorizing substitute credit earned in JROTC for lifetime wellness instead of physical education. Amends TCA, Section 49-1-104 and Section 49-6-1206. Effective May 31, 2007. **Public Chapter 313.**

- School Safety** – sponsored by Rep. Jim Hackworth (D-Clinton) and Sen. Randy McNally (R-Oak Ridge) -- Encourages LEAs to consider various school safety measures. Effective May 24, 2007. **Public Chapter 238.**
- School Safety/Placement of Delinquent Students** – sponsored by Rep. Henry Fincher (D-Cookeville) and Sen. Charlotte Burks (D-Monterey) – Expands the requirements for notification of school officials of the attendance of certain delinquent juveniles. Amends TCA, Section 37-1-131. Effective May 22, 2007. **Public Chapter 200.**
- School Safety/Placement of Certain Students** – sponsored by Rep. William Baird (R-Jacksboro) and Sen. Jamie Woodson (R-Knoxville) – Requires school principals to develop transition plans for students returning to school after impatient mental health treatment under certain circumstances. Amends TCA, Title 37, Chapter 1 and Title 49, Chapter 6. Effective July 1, 2007. **Public Chapter 314.**
- School Safety/Student Placement** – sponsored by Rep. Les Winningham (D-Huntsville) and Sen. Jamie Woodson (R-Knoxville) – Adds safety of the school, in addition to the progress or efficiency, as a factor to consider under provisions empowering a school board to suspend, dismiss, or alternatively place pupils when the progress or efficiency of the school makes it necessary or when disruptive, threatening, or violent students endanger the safety of other students or school system employees. Amends TCA, Title 49, Chapter 4, Part 9. Effective July 1, 2007. **Public Chapter 315.**
- School Safety/Drug Offenses** – sponsored by Rep. Susan Lynn (R-Mt. Juliet) and Sen. Mae Beavers (R-Mt. Juliet) – Requires school personnel to report reasonable suspicion of drug offenses committed by students to principal; permits school personnel to report drug offenses committed on school property to appropriate authorities, if the principal is unavailable. Amends TCA, Section 49-6-4209. Effective May 7, 2007. **Public Chapter 94.**
- School Safety/LEA Police** – sponsored by Rep. Ulysses Jones (D-Memphis) and Sen. Reginald Tate (D-Memphis) – Requires Department of Education to study allowing LEAs to create school district police departments. Amends TCA, Title 49. Effective May 30, 2007. **Public Chapter 302.**
- School Safety/"SAVE" Act** – sponsored by Rep. Sherry Jones (D-Nashville) and Sen. Roy Herron (D-Dresden) – Enacts the "Schools Against Violence in Education Act" also known as the "SAVE Act." Amends TCA, Title 49. Effective June 27, 2007. **Public Chapter 548.**
- School Safety/Sex Offenders** – sponsored by Rep. Joe McCord (R-Maryville) and Sen. Jamie Woodson (R-Knoxville) – Requires contracts for labor or services on school grounds or child care center grounds to require clause in contract that the contractor will not permit a sex offender to go on premises when children present and violation is breach of contract. Amends TCA, Section 49-5-413. **Public Chapter 587.**
- School Safety/Bomb Threats** – sponsored by Rep. Gary Odom (D-Nashville) and Sen. Jim Kyle (D-Memphis) – Classifies threatening to use any destructive device on school property or at school-sponsored event a zero tolerance offense with mandatory one-year expulsion; authorizes judges to suspend driver license of juvenile who is adjudicated delinquent for zero tolerance offense. Amends TCA, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 34 and Title 55, Chapter 50, Part 5. Effective July 1, 2008. **Public Chapter 457.**
- School Safety/Student Expulsion** – sponsored by Rep. Mike Turner (D-Old Hickory) and Sen. Joe Haynes (D-Goodlettsville) – Requires one-year expulsion of students who gang up with others to fight an individual student. Amends TCA, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 34; Title 49, Chapter 6, Part

40; Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 41; Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 42 and Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 43. Effective July 1, 2007. **Public Chapter 402.**

School Resource Officers – sponsored by Rep. Sherry Jones (D-Nashville) and Sen. Charlotte Burks (D-Monterey) – Requires school resource officers to be sworn police officers. Amends TCA, Title 38 and Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 42. Effective July 1, 2007. **Public Chapter 341.**

School Resource Officers/Employment Standards – sponsored by Rep. Les Winningham (D-Huntsville) and Sen. Tommy Kilby (D-Wartburg) – Requires each LEA to annually report to the Commissioner of Education the employment standards the LEA has adopted for school resource officers. Amends TCA, Section 49-6-4217. Effective July 1, 2007. **Public Chapter 99.**

School Vandalism – sponsored by Rep. Janis Sontany (D-Nashville) and Sen. Joe Haynes (D-Goodlettsville) – Makes parent or guardian responsible under contributing to delinquency offense for second or subsequent delinquent act of vandalism of public property and requires parents to repair or clean damage or pay to have it repaired. Amends TCA, Title 37, Chapter 1, Part 1. **Public Chapter 353.**

School Discipline/Hearings – sponsored by Rep. Phillip Johnson) and Sen. Rosalind Kurita (D-Clarksville) – Exempts from Open Meetings Act student disciplinary hearings conducted by school board after appeal by student, principal, principal-teacher, or assistant principal of decision of disciplinary hearing authority unless student or student's parent or guardian requests in writing an open hearing. Amends TCA, Section 49-6-3401. Effective July 1, 2007. **Public Chapter 212.**

Health Insurance – sponsored by Rep. Nathan Vaughn (D-Kingsport) and Sen. Tim Burchett (R-Knoxville) – Specifies that teachers who transition from part-time to full-time employment will be eligible for health insurance benefits. Amends TCA, Title 8, Chapter 27, Part 3. Effective July 1, 2007. **Public Chapter 163.**

Proprietary Schools/Study – sponsored by Rep. Les Winningham (D-Huntsville) and Sen. Jamie Woodson (R-Knoxville) – Creates joint study committee for proprietary schools. Amends TCA, Title 49. Effective July 1, 2007. **Public Chapter 542.**

State Board of Education/Terms of Members – sponsored by Rep. Les Winningham (D-Huntsville) and Sen. Jamie Woodson (R-Knoxville) – Alters the terms of State Board of Education members from nine years to five years. Amends TCA, Section 49-1-301. Effective July 1, 2007. **Public Chapter 316.**

Teacher License Revocation – sponsored by Rep. Dolores Gresham (R-Somerville) and Sen. Bill Ketron (R-Murfreesboro) – Requires automatic revocation of teacher's license when convicted of certain felonies. Amends TCA, Title 49, Chapter 5, Part 4. Effective July 1, 2007. **Public Chapter 432.**

Teacher Dismissal/Metro Nashville – sponsored by Rep. Ben West (D-Hermitage) and Sen. Thelma Harper (D-Nashville) – directs that administrative judges shall hear teacher dismissal cases in Nashville public schools; appeals of such hearings shall be heard by entire school board. Amends TCA, Title 4, Chapter 5, Part 3 and Title 49, Chapter 5, Part 5. Effective July 1, 2007. **Public Chapter 491.**

Student Health/Eye Exam – sponsored by Rep. Ben West (D-Hermitage) and Sen. Thelma Harper (D-Nashville) – Authorizes LEAs to provide vision testing for students who are unable to pay for such vision testing. Amends TCA, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 50. Effective July 1, 2007. **Public Chapter 557.**

- Immunizations/Homeless Children** – sponsored by Rep. Joey Hensley (R-Hohenwald) and Sen. Bill Ketron (R-Murfreesboro) – Requires the Commissioner of Education to report annually the number of homeless children who enrolled in public schools without immunization or proof of immunization and the average length of time required for these children to be immunized or to obtain their immunization records. Amends TCA, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 50. Effective April 24, 2007. **Public Chapter 57.**
- School Support Organizations** – sponsored by Rep. Craig Fitzhugh (D-Ripley) and Sen. Randy McNally (R-Oak Ridge) – Enacts the “Local Education Support Group Financial Accountability Act of 2007.” Amends TCA, Title 49. Effective July 1, 2007. **Public Chapter 326.**
- Pre-Kindergarten/Study** – sponsored by Rep. Lois DeBerry (D-Memphis) and Sen. Reginald Tate (D-Memphis) – Requires the office of early learning to collect data and report on the completion rates of grades K-12 by children who have been enrolled in Pre-K programs. Amends TCA, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 1. Effective June 5, 2007. **Public Chapter 357.**
- Pre-Kindergarten/Pilot Programs** – sponsored by Rep. Ulysses Jones (D-Memphis) and Sen. Reginald Tate (D-Memphis) – Requires that the pilot pre-kindergarten programs be funded at the same level as the funding for pre-kindergarten programs implemented pursuant to the “Voluntary Pre-K for Tennessee Act of 2005.” Amends TCA, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 1. Effective July 1, 2007. **Public Chapter 475.**
- Alternative Education/Study** – sponsored by Rep. Gary Rowe (D-Memphis) and Sen. Shea Flinn (D-Memphis) – Requires the advisory council for alternative education to study alternative school pilot programs, policies, and curricula and report to the governor, the state board of education, and the House and Senate Education Committees. Amends TCA, Title 49. Effective May 31, 2007. **Public Chapter 320.**
- Alternative Schools/Accountability** – sponsored by Rep. Les Winningham (D-Huntsville) and Sen. Charlotte Burks (D-Monterey) – Requires greater accountability for alternative education; requires LEAs to develop plans for transitioning between regular and alternative schools. Amends TCA, Title 49. Effective July 1, 2007. **Public Chapter 517.**
- Alternative Schools/Pilot Project (Nashville)** – sponsored by Rep. Mary Pruitt (D-Nashville) and Sen. Thelma Harper (D-Nashville) – Establishes compulsory attendance at alternative schools. Amends TCA, Title 49, Chapter 6. Effective July 1, 2007. **Public Chapter 455.**
- Students/Tuition Exception** – sponsored by Rep. Mark Maddox (D-Dresden) and Sen. Roy Herron (D-Dresden) – Subject to local approval, permits children of teachers who live outside of the state to attend a school within the district where the teacher is employed with no tuition charge. Amends TCA, Title 49. **Public Chapter 545.**
- Teacher Training Programs/Background Checks** – sponsored by Rep. Mark Maddox (D-Dresden) and Sen. Roy Herron (D-Dresden) – Requires background checks for students entering teacher training programs. Amends TCA, Title 49. Effective July 1, 2007. **Public Chapter 454.**
- Graduation Rates** – sponsored by Rep. Lois DeBerry (D-Memphis) and Sen. Reginald Tate (D-Memphis) – Changes graduation rate reporting requirements. Amends TCA, Title 49. Effective July 1, 2007. **Public Chapter 358.**
- Gateway Exams/Study** – sponsored by Rep. Gary Rowe (D-Memphis) and Sen. Shea Flinn (D-Memphis) – Requires State Board of Education to study alternative paths to high school diplomas for students who do not pass Gateway exams and to report to the House and Senate Education

Committees by January 1, 2008. Amends TCA, Title 49. Effective May 31, 2007. **Public Chapter 321.**

Exit Examinations – sponsored by Rep. Gary Odom (D-Nashville) and Sen. Jim Kyle (D-Memphis) – Replaces pre-graduation exit examination with three mandatory assessment exams to provide educators with information that will improve high school graduation rates and improve post-secondary achievement; exams to be administered in grades eight, ten, and eleven. Amends TCA, Title 49, Chapter 6. Effective July 1, 2007. **Public Chapter 273.**

Student Identification Numbers – sponsored by Rep. Henry Fincher (D-Cookeville) and Sen. Jim Kyle (D-Memphis) – Removes requirement that public school student's identification number must be the same as the student's social security number; also removes requirement that all class rolls include students' identification numbers. Amends TCA, Title 49, Chapter 6. Effective May 30, 2007. **Public Chapter 306.**

Food Tax Reduction – sponsored by Rep. Craig Fitzhugh (D-Ripley) and Sen. Randy McNally (R-Oak Ridge) – Reduces from 6% to 5.5% the rate of state sales tax levied on certain foods and food ingredients. Amends TCA, Title 3, Title 4, Title 5, Title 6, Title 7, Title 8, Title 9, Title 12, Title 16, Title 30, Title 36, Title 39, Title 40, Title 45, Title 47, Title 48, Title 49, Title 55, Title 56, Title 57, Title 61, Title 62, Title 67, Title 68, Title 69, Title 70, and Title 71. Effective June 28, 2007. **Public Chapter 600.**

Sales Tax Holiday – sponsored by Rep. Les Winningham (D-Huntsville) and Sen. Jamie Woodson (R-Knoxville) – Includes school art supplies with a sales price of \$100 or less per item in the items that are exempt from sales tax during the August sales tax holiday weekend. Amends TCA, Section 67-6-393. Effective June 27, 2007. **Public Chapter 534.**

Cigarette Tax Increase – sponsored by Rep. Gary Odom (D-Nashville) and Sen. Jim Kyle (D-Memphis) -- Increases the tax on cigarettes by 42-cents per package. Effective July 1, 2007. **Public Chapter 368.**

Higher Education Tuition/Military – sponsored by Rep. Charles Curtiss (D-Sparta) and Sen. Rusty Crowe (R-Johnson City) -- Provides a tuition and fee freeze for students who are in the military reserves or National Guard and who are mobilized to active duty. Amends TCA, Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 23. Effective June 25, 2007. **Public Chapter 506.**

Higher Education Tuition/Military – sponsored by Rep. Charles Curtiss (D-Sparta) and Sen. Rusty Crowe (R-Johnson City) – Revises current law regarding dependent children or spouses of POWs or deceased veterans who qualify for higher education tuition and fee waiver. Amends TCA, Section 49-7-102. Effective: April 30, 2007. **Public Chapter 62.**

Higher Education/Institute of Public Health – sponsored by Rep. John Hood (D-Murfreesboro) and Sen. Bill Ketron (R-Murfreesboro) – Requires the Tennessee Higher Education Commission to develop an institute of public health, in consultation with the Department of Health, the University of Tennessee, the Tennessee Board of regents, and private colleges and universities. Amends TCA, Title 49. Effective July 1, 2007. **Public Chapter 42.**

Higher Education/Textbooks – sponsored by Rep. Craig Fitzhugh (D-Ripley) and Sen. Roy Herron (D-Dresden) – Requires the University of Tennessee and the Board of Regents to develop policies to minimize the cost of textbooks. Amends TCA, Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 1. Effective June 22, 2007. **Public Chapter 504.**

Higher Education/Internet Service – sponsored by Rep. Mark Maddox (D-Dresden) and Sen. Jamie Woodson (R-Knoxville) – Authorizes state colleges and universities to provide free Internet access campus wide. Amends TCA, Title 49, Chapter 7; Title 49, Chapter 8 and Title 49, Chapter 9. Effective May 7, 2007. **Public Chapter 100.**

Higher Education/College Savings Program – sponsored by Rep. Mark Maddox (D-Dresden) and Sen. Joe Haynes (D-Goodlettsville) – Authorizes the board of trustees of the baccalaureate education system trust fund program to contract with other college savings programs under federal law; revises provisions governing termination of contract and requests to transfer money to another account. Amends TCA, Section 49-7-824 and Section 49-7-805(4). Effective April 11, 2007. **Public Chapter 21.**

Resolution -- Career/Technical Education – sponsored by Rep. Barbara Cooper (D-Memphis) -- Urges the State Board of Education to require all high school students to complete a course in career and technical education prior to graduation. **HJR 63**

Resolution -- Read Across America – sponsored by Rep. Les Winningham (D-Huntsville) – Endorses “Read Across America” program. **HJR 106**

Resolution -- Student Health Issues/Study – sponsored by Rep. Les Winningham (D-Huntsville) – Directs the Education Oversight Committee to hold hearings on the health-care crisis in public schools in Tennessee. **HJR 200**

Any TEA member who desires more information -- or a copy of a particular public chapter -- should contact the TEA Government Relations Division at 1-800-342-8262 or E-mail jwinters@tea.nea.org.

This is the last issue of the TEA Legislative Report for the 2007 session of the 105th General Assembly. It is being sent at this time in order to reach TEA leaders close to the beginning of the 2007-2008 school year. The Legislative Report is published on a weekly basis when the General Assembly is in session. In addition to local association presidents, it is mailed to all association representatives. We ask association reps to share each issue with the members in their school. This report is also available on the TEA website at www.teateachers.org.

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