

RESOLUTION

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION
OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE,
AFFIRMING LOCAL DISCRETION
CONSISTENT WITH PROPOSED
STATE LAW AND RESPONDING
TO SCHOOL BOARD LEGISLATIVE
PRIORITY #6.**

RESOLUTION: R-26-1-904

REQUESTED BY: COMMISSIONER LEE

PREPARED BY: COMMISSIONER LEE

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AND NOT AS TO CONTENT:**

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WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly has considered proposed state law granting local education agencies discretion regarding enrollment practices and related administrative decisions; and

WHEREAS, such proposed state law employs permissive language and does not mandate the collection of immigration status or the denial of enrollment; and

WHEREAS, the Knox County Board of Education has adopted Legislative Priority #6 opposing such proposed state law based on characterizations of compulsion and exclusion; and

WHEREAS, Legislative Priority #6 has prompted the need for the Knox County Commission to clarify the scope and intent of proposed state law as written.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF KNOX COUNTY AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Clarification of Proposed State Law.

The Knox County Commission recognizes that the proposed state law employs permissive language granting local discretion and does not impose mandatory requirements on local education agencies.

SECTION 2. Local Control.

The Commission affirms that decisions contemplated by proposed state law remain within the discretion of local governing bodies and education agencies.

SECTION 3. Response to Legislative Priority #6.

The Commission rejects characterizations in Legislative Priority #6 suggesting compulsory monitoring or exclusion, as such characterizations are inconsistent with the text of proposed state law.

SECTION 4. Legislative Position.

The Knox County Commission urges the Tennessee General Assembly to support proposals allowing school districts to collect or monitor student immigration status, as such authority may reduce financial liabilities and risks borne by local governments, lower long-term administrative costs, and minimize operational distractions from teaching and learning. The Commission further affirms the State of Tennessee's compelling interest in protecting public education for the children of citizens of Tennessee.

SECTION 5. Effective Date.

This Resolution is to take effect from and after its passage, as provided by the Charter of Knox County, Tennessee, the public welfare requiring it.

Presiding Officer of the Commission _____ **Date** _____

County Clerk _____ **Date** _____

Approved: _____
County Mayor _____ **Date** _____

Vetoed: _____
County Mayor _____ **Date** _____