

RESOLUTION NO. 24-10-018

SPONSORED BY: Commissioners Steve Mikels, Scott King, Mike Akard, Jessica Hannah, Misty Davis

A RESOLUTION OF THE BLOUNT COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY REQUESTING THE TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO CONSIDER THE ENACTMENT OF LEGISLATION THAT IF A TEACHER OR PUBLIC SERVANT IS FOUND GUILTY, PLEADS GUILTY OR "NOLO CONTENDERE" (NO ADMISSION OF GUILT) TO ANY CHARGES RELATED TO MISCONDUCT OF A SEXUAL AND/OR ABUSIVE NATURE AGAINST CHILDREN WILL LOSE THEIR STATE CERTIFICATION OR LICENSURE, AND FORFEITURE OF (LOSE) THEIR TCRS RETIREMENT FUNDS.

WHEREAS, The Blount County Board of Commissioners having met in regular session on September 19, 2024, adopted Resolution No. 24-09-013, *"A Resolution of the Blount County Commission Requesting a Thorough Investigation into Personnel Records Dating 2004 to Present Involving All Existing Reports of Sexual Misconduct Within Blount County Schools to Help Determine if There Have Been Any Trends Similar to Those Concerning the Incidents Involving Joseph Michael Dalton"*; and

WHEREAS, The Blount County Board of Commissioners amended said Resolution No. 24-09-013 by tasking our State Legislature to pass a law that if a teacher or public servant is found guilty, pleads guilty or *"nolo contendere"* (no admission of guilt) to any charges related to misconduct of a sexual and/or abusive nature against children will lose their state certification or licensure, and forfeiture of (lose) their TCRS retirement funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Blount County Legislative Body, meeting in regular session on this ____ day of _____, 2024, that the Blount County Board of Commissioners hereby formally requests the Tennessee General Assembly to consider the enactment of legislation that if a teacher or public servant is found guilty, pleads guilty or *"nolo contendere"* (no admission of guilt) to any charges related to misconduct of a sexual and/or abusive nature against children will lose their state certification or licensure, and forfeiture of (lose) their TCRS retirement funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon passage of this resolution, a copy shall be forwarded to the Blount County Legislators in the Tennessee General Assembly.

Duly authorized and approved this ____ day of _____, 2024.

CERTIFICATION OF ACTION

ATTEST

Commission Chairman

County Clerk

County Mayor

Date

Approved

Vetoed