



# *State of Tennessee*

## **PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 260**

**SENATE BILL NO. 1012**

**By Gardenhire**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1063

**By Kevin Brooks**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-1002, relative to school athletics.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-1002, is amended by designating the current language of subsection (c) as subsection (d) and adding the following language as a new subsection (c):

A local education agency, local school board, school, educator, or employee or the employee's representative may not require a student to attend a school athletic event, or event related to participation on a school athletic team, if the event is on an official school holiday, observed day of worship, or religious holiday. The parent or legal guardian of a student participating in a school athletic event may provide written notice that the student will not be in attendance to the coach or administrator of the athletic event at least three (3) full school days prior to the event. Prior written notice to the coach or administrator of the school athletic event may not be required if the absence is due to an unforeseen emergency.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 17, 2017

  
RANDY McNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2017

  
BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR