

STATE OF TENNESSEE

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 448

HOUSE BILL NO. 1393

By Representative McCord

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1590

By Senators Burchett, Burks

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to education.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3004(f), is amended by deleting the existing language and by substituting instead the following:

(f) Beginning with the 2010-2011 school year and every year thereafter, local education agencies shall commence the school year no earlier than August 1 unless the LEA's board of education votes by a majority of its membership to establish a year-round or alternative calendar for all or any of the schools within its jurisdiction in accordance with department of education attendance policies.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-6001, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

() The commissioner of education is directed to establish dates for the administration of assessments required for graduation that provide the maximum instructional days possible prior to testing while maintaining compliance with all relevant federal law.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-6002, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and by redesignating the following new language as subsection (b):

(b) The commissioner of education is directed to establish yearly dates for the administration of the grades three through eight (3-8) achievement tests that provide the maximum instructional days possible prior to testing while maintaining compliance with all relevant federal law.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: June 8, 2009



KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 23rd day of June 2009



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR