

STATE OF TENNESSEE

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 490

SENATE BILL NO. 1771

By Herron, Burks, Marrero

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1104

By John Deberry, Cooper, Pruitt, Hardaway

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3002, relative to student attendance at court proceedings.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3002, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection (c):

(c)(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of any law to the contrary, if a student is unable to attend regular classes pursuant to a summons, subpoena, court order, statute or rule, then the student's absence shall be an excused absence and the student shall be afforded the opportunity to complete all assignments missed for this purpose.

(2) The provisions of this subsection shall not apply if a student's absence is:

(i) the result of a commission of a delinquent act and notice of intent to transfer the student to criminal court has been provided pursuant to Section 37-1-134; or

(ii) for detention purposes pursuant to Section 37-1-114(c).

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

PASSED: June 2, 2009



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 23rd day of June 2009



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR