

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 929

SENATE BILL NO. 3246

By Tate, Ford

Substituted for: House Bill No. 3874

By Ulysses Jones, Cooper, Hardaway, Gilmore, Pruitt, Johnnie Turner,
Richardson, White, Coley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 30, relative to
truancy.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3009, is amended by
adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

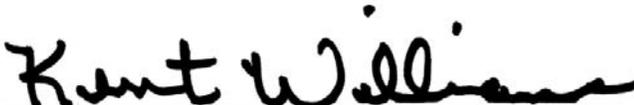
(c) As an alternative to prosecution for a Class C misdemeanor, at the
prosecutor's discretion, parents, guardians or any other person, who has control
of a child or children against whom a petition of truancy has been brought for
being absent more than five (5) days during the school year, may participate in
parent education training and parent-teacher conferences. The prosecutor may
provide the parent, guardian or other person with the option to participate in such
alternative program prior to filing the criminal charge. Failure of the parent,
guardian or other person to timely respond to such option shall result in the
revocation of the option and immediate filing of the criminal charge.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 6, 2010



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 26th day of May 2010



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR