



State of Tennessee
PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 999

HOUSE BILL NO. 3062

By Representatives Ryan Williams, Hardaway

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2986

By Senator Burks

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

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-104, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

() Any LEA operating a virtual school or virtual education program shall not exceed the teacher-pupil ratio for virtual schools set by the state board of education.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3004, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

() Any LEA operating a virtual school or virtual education program shall make available the same length of time for learning opportunities per academic year as required under this section to any student participating in its program. The LEA shall, however, also permit a student to move at the student's own pace. The student shall demonstrate mastery, competency and completion of a course or subject area to be given credit for the course or subject area. If a student successfully completes a course or grade level more than thirty (30) days before the end of the term, the student shall begin work in the next appropriate course or grade. The academic program shall continue until the end of the academic year.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-16-206, is amended by deleting subdivisions (2) and (3) in their entireties and by substituting instead the following:

(2) Ensure materials and access to necessary technology such as computer, printer and internet connection used for school work or, at minimum, through a physical computer lab that is available to the student through regularly scheduled times.

SECTION 4. Section 1 of this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. All other sections of this act shall take effect July 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: APRIL 26, 2012


BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 10th day of May 2012


BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR