HOUSE BILL 196

By Lafferty

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 2, relative to students serving on a local board of education.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-2-202, is amended by deleting subsection (f) and substituting instead the following:

Notwithstanding § 49-2-201 and any provision of this section to the contrary, the board of education for each LEA that operates one (1) or more high schools may annually select, prior to commencement of the new school year, high school students to serve as advisory, nonvoting members of the board. If a board of education selects high school students to serve as advisory, nonvoting members of the board, then the board shall not select more than four (4) students to serve each year. The students serve without compensation but may, at the discretion of the board, be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses incurred while engaged in board business.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to boards of education allowing high school students to serve as advisory, nonvoting members of the board for the 2019-2020 school year and each school year thereafter.