

HOUSE BILL 2740

By Pitts

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 5, Part 6, relative to MOUs and board participation in collaborative conferencing.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-609, is amended by deleting subsection (c) in its entirety and substituting instead the following language:

(c) A memorandum of understanding shall be binding on the parties from the date of its approval by the board of education as an item on the agenda of a regular or special called board meeting or at a later effective date that is explicitly stated in the memorandum of understanding. Board action on the memorandum shall be scheduled within thirty (30) days after the board has arranged for a presentation of the memorandum's proposed content to professional employees and held a meeting to hear employee concerns, if any, on the content of the proposed memorandum. If the board of education and employee representatives determine that additional conferencing to work on disputes or clarity of language is necessary, the additional conferencing shall be scheduled with the employee representatives.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-609, is further amended by deleting subsection (d) in its entirety and substituting instead the following language:

(d) Nothing in this part shall be construed to allow a board of education to avoid or refuse good faith participation in collaborative conferencing properly initiated and approved in a poll of eligible professional employees pursuant to § 49-5-605.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.