

HOUSE BILL 3336

By Carr

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37
and Title 49, relative to truancy.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3007, is amended by deleting subsection (f) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(f) The director of schools of any local school system, after written notice to the parent or guardian of a child, shall report any child who is habitually and unlawfully absent from school to the appropriate judge having juvenile jurisdiction in that county, each case to be dealt with in such manner as the judge may determine to be in the best interest of the child, consistent with §§ 37-1-132, 37-1-168 and 37-1-169 and in the event the child is adjudicated to be unruly, the judge may assess a fine of up to one hundred dollars (\$100) or ten (10) hours of community service, in the discretion of the judge, against the parents or legal guardians of children in kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) if the child is absent more than five (5) days during any school year.

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