

SENATE BILL 203

By Stewart

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 6, relative to transitional kindergarten for
certain children.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-201(b), is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision:

(9) Beginning in school year 2010-2011, and each year thereafter, each LEA shall provide a transitional kindergarten program that is approved by the state board of education for children who are admitted to kindergarten but who are developmentally delayed for enrollment into a kindergarten classroom. In the discretion of the LEA, a child shall be required to attend an approved transitional kindergarten program before attending kindergarten.

SECTION 2. The executive director of the state board of education is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this act. All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.