

SENATE BILL 302

By Niceley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,  
Chapter 5, Part 7, relative to leave for teachers.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-714, is amended by designating subsection (b) as subsection (c) and by adding the following new subsection (b):

(b) In the event a teacher is absent from assigned duties as a result of personal injury caused by a physical assault or other violent criminal act committed against the teacher in the course of the teacher's employment activities, the LEA shall continue to pay the teacher's full compensation and benefits, less the amount of any temporary total disability benefits received by the teacher through workers' compensation coverage if applicable, until the earlier of the date on which the teacher is released by the teacher's physician to return to work or:

(1) If the teacher is eligible for workers' compensation coverage, the date on which the teacher is determined to be totally and permanently disabled from returning to work in accordance with title 50, chapter 6, part 2; or

(2) If the teacher is not eligible for workers' compensation coverage, the date on which the teacher is determined by the teacher's physician to be permanently disabled from returning to work.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013, the public welfare requiring it.