

SENATE BILL 417

By Gardenhire

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37;  
Title 39 and Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to  
children.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3001(c)(4), is amended by redesignating the existing language as subdivision (c)(4)(A) and adding the following as a new subdivision:

(B) Notwithstanding subdivision (c)(4)(A), a parent or guardian of a student who has accumulated five (5) or more days of unexcused absences during the school year and who is subject to tier three of the LEA's progressive truancy plan in § 49-6-3009 shall not withdraw the student from school unless:

(i) The student's place of residence changes;

(ii) The student is seeking to withdraw for transfer to another school in the LEA or another LEA pursuant to a local board of education's open enrollment policy or out-of-district transfer policy; or

(iii) The student enrolls in a nonpublic school.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to the 2023-2024 school year and each school year thereafter.