

# *State of Tennessee*

## **PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 350**

**SENATE BILL NO. 1268**

**By Akbari, Campbell**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1324

By Camper, Clemmons, Jernigan, Miller

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to K-12 education.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-2-203, is amended by deleting subsection (c) and substituting:

(c)(1) Notwithstanding title 8, chapter 44, part 1, a local board of education may conduct a scheduled board meeting by electronic means, including, but not limited to, telephone, videoconferencing, or other web-based media pursuant to this subsection (c).

(2) A board meeting shall not be conducted with electronic participation unless a quorum of members is physically present at the location of the meeting.

(3) A board member may only participate electronically in a scheduled board meeting pursuant to this subsection (c) if:

(A) The member participating by electronic means can be visually identified by the chair; and

(B)(i) The member is out of the county due to work; provided, that the member participates electronically for such reason no more than two (2) times per year;

(ii) The member is sick or in a period of convalescence on the advice of a healthcare professional that the member not appear in person; provided, that the member participates electronically for such reason no more than three (3) times per year;

(iii) The member is out due to inclement weather or natural disaster if the schools in the LEA are closed; provided, that the member participates electronically for such reason no more than three (3) times per year;

(iv) The member has a family emergency that inhibits the member from attending the board meeting in person; provided, that the member participates electronically for such reason no more than two (2) times per year; or

(v) The member is out of the county due to military service.

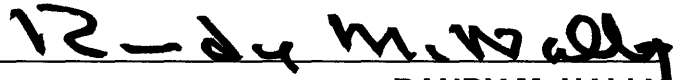
(4) A board member wishing to participate in a scheduled board meeting electronically who is or will be out of the county because of work shall give at least five (5) days' notice prior to the scheduled board meeting of the member's intention to participate electronically.

(5) The local board of education shall develop a policy for conducting electronic meetings pursuant to this subsection (c).

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

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PASSED: April 19, 2023



RANDY McNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR