

# *State of Tennessee*

## **PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 378**

**SENATE BILL NO. 1345**

**By Gardenhire**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1443

By Vaughan

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

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-409, is amended by deleting subsection (a) and substituting:

(a) Teachers in service and under the control of the public elementary or high schools of this state may continue in such service unless written notice is sent to the teacher from the teacher's board of education or director of schools, as appropriate, of the teacher's dismissal or failure of reelection.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-409(b), is amended by deleting the word "received" and substituting the word "sent".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-409, is amended by adding the following as new subsections:

( ) Written notice sent by a board of education or director of schools in accordance with this section must be sent by certified mail or overnight carrier to the teacher's physical mailing address on record with the LEA, or transmitted via electronic mail to the email address used by the LEA to communicate with the teacher.


( ) As used in this section, "last instructional day" means the last day of the school year on which students are required to report to school.

SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.


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PASSED: April 26, 2021

  
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RANDY McNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021

  
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BILL LEE, GOVERNOR