

SENATE BILL 1887

By Southerland

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2 and Title 49,
Chapter 6, relative to classroom instruction.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3004, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(i)

(1) An LEA may provide up to ten (10) days of the required one hundred eighty (180) days of classroom instruction pursuant to subdivision (a)(1) via remote instruction in accordance with this subsection (i).

(2) An LEA may require a class, school, or all schools of the LEA to utilize remote instruction in the event of dangerous or extreme weather conditions or of serious outbreaks of illness affecting or endangering students or staff.

(3) An LEA may require a class, school, or all schools of the LEA to utilize remote instruction on days that the school administers end-of-course assessments or the assessment required pursuant to § 49-6-6001(b)(1); provided, that the students who are administered the end-of-course assessments or the assessment required pursuant to § 49-6-6001(b)(1) take the assessments in person.

(4) An LEA that provides remote instruction pursuant to this subsection (i) shall provide:

(A) Students enrolled in kindergarten access to at least four (4) hours of instruction each day; and

(B) Students enrolled in grades one through twelve (1-12) access to at least six and one half (6 1/2) hours of instruction each day.

(5) In tracking daily student attendance and compliance with state school attendance and truancy intervention laws, an LEA shall implement policies and procedures for the LEA to request and receive daily visual, verbal, or written confirmation of student participation in instructional time; determine excused versus unexcused student absences; and implement interventions to address student absences during remote instruction.

(6) An LEA that provides remote instruction pursuant to this subsection (i) shall comply with all state and federal laws, rules, and policies.

(7) As used in this subsection, "remote instruction" means instruction that takes place when a teacher does not provide in-person instruction to students within the traditional school setting.

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