

SENATE BILL 2579

By Crowe

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,  
Chapter 6, relative to school attendance.

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 2022-2023 school year and each school year thereafter.