



State of Tennessee
PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 288

SENATE BILL NO. 714

By Woodson, Southerland

Substituted for: House Bill No. 732

By Harry Brooks, White, Eldridge

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 16, relative to virtual schools and to enact the "Virtual Public Schools Act".

WHEREAS, meeting the educational needs of children in Tennessee's schools is of the greatest importance to the future welfare of the State; and

WHEREAS, closing the achievement gap between high-performing students, including the gap between minority and non-minority students, and between economically disadvantaged students and their more advantaged peers, is a significant and present challenge; and

WHEREAS, providing a broader range of educational options to parents and utilizing existing resources, along with technology, may help students in Tennessee improve their academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, many school districts currently lack the capacity to provide other public school choices for students whose schools are high priority schools; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-16-105, is amended by deleting the following language in its entirety:

; provided, however, that only students in grades kindergarten through twelve (K-12) who were enrolled in and attended a public school during the previous school year shall be eligible to participate in a virtual public education program

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: May 12, 2011



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 27 day of May 2011



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR