



**State of Tennessee**  
**PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 529**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 238**

**By Representatives Byrd, Dunn, Rogers, Hardaway, Hazlewood**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 433**

**By Senators Bowling, Yager**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 10, Part 1; Title 49, Chapter 10, Part 7 and Section 49-6-2109, relative to specially equipped school buses.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-2109, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(f)

(1) The board shall permit the use of Type A school buses for a period of fifteen (15) years of service. If a Type A school bus reaches the fifteenth year of service requiring discontinuance of its use during a school year, the owner of the bus shall be allowed to operate the bus throughout the remainder of the school year. The bus shall meet all requirements for continued safe use and operation during the remainder of the school year, and the owner of the bus shall immediately notify the department of safety in writing, via certified mail, when the bus reaches the fifteenth year requiring discontinuance.

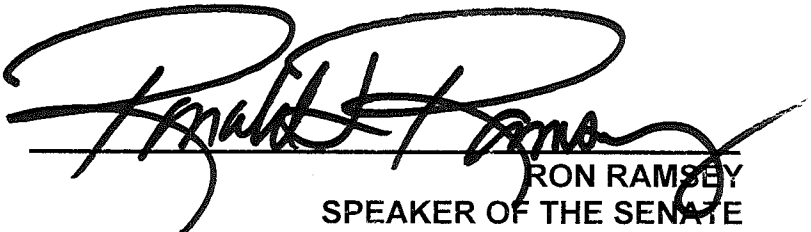
(2) The board is authorized to promulgate rules to effectuate the purposes of this subsection (f). All such rules shall be promulgated in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5.

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

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PASSED: January 20, 2016

  
BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 28th day of January 2016

  
BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR