## **HOUSE BILL 947**

By Lynn

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 16, Part 1, relative to virtual education programs.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 16, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

§ 49-16-1\_\_\_.

- (a) Notwithstanding § 49-16-105, the state board of education, in conjunction with the department of education and the department of children's services, shall establish and institute a virtual education program for adjudicated delinquents who have been found guilty of rape, aggravated rape, or rape of a child. Such adjudicated youth shall be required to participate in and receive full academic instruction from such established virtual education program.
- (b) The department of education shall promulgate, in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5, such rules as are necessary to ensure that this section is implemented in an efficient and effective manner.

SECTION 2. This law shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.