

HOUSE BILL 2883

By Fitzhugh

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 44, Part 1 and Title 49, Chapter 2, relative to meetings of local boards of education.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-2-203, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

() Notwithstanding title 8, chapter 44, part 1, a local board of education may conduct a scheduled board meeting by electronic means, including, but not limited to, telephone, videoconferencing or other web-based media, if a member is absent because the member is required to be out of the county in which the LEA is located for the member's work, a family emergency or military service. Only members who are out of the county for work, family emergency or military service may attend and participate in the meeting electronically. The local board of education shall develop a policy for conducting such meetings.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it.