

HOUSE BILL 7021

By Lamberth

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to in-person student attendance to remediate learning loss sustained as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 30, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) In order to provide LEAs and public charter schools the greatest opportunity to address student learning loss, each LEA and public charter school that serves any of the grades kindergarten through eight (K-8) shall provide an in-person instructional option for students enrolled in any of the grades kindergarten through eight (K-8):

(1) For a minimum of seventy (70) days during the 2020-2021 school year no later than June 30, 2021; and

(2) For the full one hundred eighty (180) days for classroom instruction in the 2021-2022 school year.

(b) If an LEA does not comply with the requirements of subsection (a), then the commissioner may, in the commissioner's discretion, withhold a portion or all of the Tennessee BEP funds that the LEA is otherwise eligible to receive.

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