

SENATE BILL 2365

By Watson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, Chapter 1, Part 1 and Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to students who have been adjudicated delinquent.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3051(a), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting the following:

(a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, if a student has at any time been adjudicated delinquent for any offense listed in subsection (b), then the parent, guardian, or legal custodian of the student, including the department of children's services acting in any capacity and a school administrator of any school having previously received the same or similar notice from the juvenile court or another source, shall provide to the student's school principal, or the principal's designee, the abstract provided under § 37-1-153 or § 37-1-154 or other similar written information:

(1) Upon request of the school principal, or the principal's designee. The school principal, or the principal's designee, shall ask in writing, which may be provided in a printed or digital format, a student's parent, guardian, or legal custodian whether the student has been adjudicated delinquent for any offense listed in subsection (b) no later than thirty (30) days from the date on which the student first enrolled in the respective school; and

(2) When any such student:

(A) Initially enrolls in an LEA;

(B) Resumes school attendance after suspension, expulsion, or adjudication of delinquency; or

(C) Changes schools within this state.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3051(g), is amended by deleting the language "Class C misdemeanor" and substituting "Class B misdemeanor".

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it.