

CHAPTER NO. 552

SENATE BILL NO. 3379

By Herron, Crowe, Burks, Kilby, Jackson, Tracy

Substituted for: House Bill No. 3523

**By Maddox, Baird, Bone, DuBois, Sargent, Brown, Marrero, Montgomery, Lois DeBerry,
Hood, Curtis Johnson, Ferguson**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 30, relative to certain excused absences from school.

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 a new section thereto, as follows:

Section 49-6-3052.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, if a student's parent, custodian, or other person with legal custody or control of the student is a member of the United States Armed Forces, including a member of a state national guard or a reserve component called to federal active duty, a public school principal shall give the student:

(1) An excused absence for one (1) day when the member is deployed;
and

(2) An additional excused absence for one (1) day when the service member returns from deployment.

(b) A student receiving an excused absence under this section shall have the opportunity to make up school work missed and shall not have his or her class grades adversely affected for lack of class attendance or class participation due to the excused absence.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: April 10, 2006


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 24th day of April 2006


PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR