

Amendment No. 1 to HB0196

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 128

House Bill No. 196*

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 4, Part 1, is amended
by adding a new section as follows:

§ 4-4-126.

(a) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) "Telecommute" means to work at home by means of telecommunication devices, such as telephones or computers, with a department's office; and

(2) "Teleconference" means the holding of a conference or meeting among people remote from one another by means of telecommunication devices, such as telephones or computers.

(b) Each department may identify any employees that could telecommute for all or a part of the work week without diminishing employee performance or organizational operations. Any such employees may be given the option to telecommute if they so choose. Any department that chooses to allow employees to telecommute shall establish policies and procedures on telecommuting including but not limited to how often the employees are allowed to do so.

(c) Each department may, when possible, conduct meetings and training sessions through teleconferencing that would otherwise require travel.

(d) Each department that chooses to allow telecommuting or teleconferencing shall calculate the amount saved by telecommuting and teleconferencing each year and report such information to the department of finance and administration by February 1 of the following year. The department of finance and administration shall compile the information received and send a report on the savings by state government to the general assembly by March 1 of each year.

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