

SENATE BILL 3038

By Faulk

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3004(e), relative to schools.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3004(e), is amended by deleting subdivision (1) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(1) A local board of education or private or church-related school that exceeds the full six and one half (6 ½) hours instructional time required by law by one half (½) hour daily for the full academic year shall be credited with the additional instructional time. The excess instructional time shall be accumulated in amounts up to but not exceeding thirteen (13) instructional days each year, and applied toward meeting instructional time requirements missed due to dangerous or extreme weather conditions. Upon approval by the commissioner, the excess instructional time may be used in case of natural disaster, serious outbreaks of illness affecting or endangering students or staff or dangerous structural or environmental conditions rendering a school unsafe for use. This excess accumulated instructional time may be used for early student dismissal for faculty professional development under rules promulgated by the board of education. Such time may be used in whole day (six and one half (6 ½) hour) increments and may be used for faculty professional development, M-team meetings, S-team meetings, parent-teacher conferences or other similar meetings. The board shall consult with the commissioner in developing the rules. All proposals for use of excess time for professional development shall be approved by the commissioner. Additionally, the commissioner is authorized to

approve directly proportional variations from the one-half-hour extension of the school day and the corresponding accumulation of thirteen (13) days of adjustments to the instructional time requirements.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010, the public welfare requiring it.