

SENATE BILL 3246

By Tate

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 6, Part 30, relative to truancy.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3009, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

(c) As an alternative to prosecution for a Class C misdemeanor, at the prosecutor's discretion, parents, guardians or any other person, who has control of a child or children adjudicated unruly for being absent more than five (5) days during the school year, may participate in parent education training and parent-teacher conferences. The prosecutor shall provide the parent, guardian or other person with the option to participate in such alternative program prior to filing the criminal charge. Failure of the parent, guardian or other person to timely respond to such option shall result in the revocation of the option and immediate filing of the criminal charge.

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