SENATE BILL 761
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HOUSE BILL 584

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2 and Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to school attendance.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-2-203(a), is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

( ) Notwithstanding any provision of chapter 6, part 30, of this title to the contrary, develop a seniors' short school day program for the LEA's high school seniors who have completed all requirements for graduation, except for three (3) or fewer classes. The seniors' short school day program shall permit these students to attend only the classes needed for graduation without being required to remain on campus for the full day. Class scheduling shall be done to facilitate seniors' use of this program. A senior who will need remediation upon enrolling in an institution of higher education after graduating from high school shall not be eligible to participate in a short school day program. The LEA offering a seniors' short school day program shall determine, based on factors such as class work and assessments, scores on the ACT or SAT, and other relevant information, whether a student shall need remediation. Seniors participating in a short school day program shall be counted as attending high school full-time for purposes of calculating ADM, as defined in § 49-3-302. Each local board of education shall submit its proposed program to the department prior to the program being implemented. Upon approval by the department, a local board shall institute the program for the 2016–2017 school year and school years thereafter.

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