

HOUSE BILL 1685

By Smith

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
relative to response to instruction and intervention
(RTI²).

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 2, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

(a) Notwithstanding § 49-1-229, the department of education shall create a process to allow LEAs to develop individualized implementation plans for RTI² education. The process must require, at a minimum, all RTI² implementation plans submitted to the department for approval to provide the LEA's strategy for funding RTI² education.

(b) The department shall have the authority to approve or deny any LEA's individualized implementation plan for RTI² education. The department shall provide specific reasons for denial of an LEA's RTI² implementation plan and shall allow the LEA to resubmit its plan after appropriate changes have been made. An LEA whose LEA's RTI² implementation plan is denied in accordance with this subsection shall follow RTI² guidelines as provided by the department of education until the LEA's RTI² implementation plan has been approved.

(c) Nothing in this section requires an LEA to submit an individualized implementation plan for RTI² education. An LEA that does not submit an individualized implementation plan for RTI² education shall follow RTI² guidelines as provided by the department.

(d) For purposes of this section, "RTI²" has the same meaning as provided by § 49-1-229(f)(2).

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