

HOUSE BILL 1194

By Wright

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 6, relative to student enrollment.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 31, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Dependent child" means a child of school age who is the natural child, stepchild, or adopted child of a service member; and

(2) "Service member" means a member of the United States armed forces who is engaged in active military service.

(b) A board of education shall allow a student who does not reside within the boundaries of the school district to enroll in a public school within the school district if:

(1) The student is the dependent child of a service member who is being relocated to the state of Tennessee on military orders and will, upon relocation, be a resident of the school district, but will not be a resident of the school district when the school district conducts an open enrollment period; and

(2) The service member provides the school district with documentation evidencing that the student is the dependent child of the service member and that the service member is being relocated to the state of Tennessee on military orders and will, upon relocation, be a resident of the school district.

(c) Each board of education shall adopt policies to establish a reasonable period of time within which a student permitted to enroll and attend a public school under this section must provide proof of residency within the school district.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to students seeking enrollment in a public school in this state for the 2019-2020 school and each school year thereafter.