

SENATE BILL 2620

By Swann

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 6, 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 deleting subsection (f) and substituting instead the following:

(f)

(1) Notwithstanding subsections (d) and (g), if any tier of a progressive truancy intervention plan is unsuccessful with a student and the school can document that the student's parent or guardian is unwilling to cooperate in the truancy intervention plan, then the director of schools, or the director's designee, may report the student's absences to the appropriate judge pursuant to subsection (g) without first having to implement subsequent tiers, if any.

(2) For purposes of this subsection (f), evidence of a parent's or guardian's unwillingness to cooperate in the truancy intervention plan includes, but is not limited to, a parent's or guardian's failure or refusal, on multiple occasions, to attend conferences, return telephone calls, attend follow-up meetings, enter into an attendance contract, or actively participate in any of the tiers of intervention outlined in subsection (d) or in the local board of education's progressive truancy intervention plan.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020, the public welfare requiring it.