



March 25, 2024

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (017104): Authorizes the Commissioner of the Department of Education (DOE) to issue a temporary teaching permit to an individual to teach a course in which an end-of-course examination is required. Specifies information the Commissioner of DOE must consider when determining whether to issue a temporary teaching permit to such persons. Requires an individual who is issued such temporary teaching permit to be assigned a mentor teacher by the director of schools or the director of the public charter school.

Requires the DOE to report to the Education Committee of the Senate and the Education Committees of the House of Representatives the number of temporary teaching permits that were requested and granted for individuals to teach courses for which an end-of-course examination is required for the 2024-25, 2025-26, and the 2026-27 school years, respectively, by July 1, 2027.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-5-106(a), the Commissioner of DOE is authorized to issue a temporary permit to teach in certain unfilled positions in which a local education agency (LEA) or public charter school is unable to secure a qualified teacher with a valid license.
- Authorizing the Commissioner of DOE to issue an additional type of temporary teaching permit will not significantly increase the duties of the Commissioner.
- The Commissioner of DOE will consider the required information when determining whether to issue certain temporary teaching permits utilizing existing resources and during the normal course of business such that any fiscal impact to state government is estimated to be not significant.
- The DOE will compile and submit the required information with existing staff and resources.
- A director of schools or the director of public charter schools will be able to designate from existing staff persons to serve as a mentor for an individual who is issued a temporary teaching permit to teach a course for which an end-of-course examination is required.

- The proposed legislation will not significantly impact staffing levels of LEAs or public charter schools; any fiscal impact to local government is not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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