

HOUSE BILL 786

By Fritts

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 5, relative to occupational teaching
licenses.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-110, is amended by
redesignating subsection (b) as subsection (c) and adding the following as a new subsection

(b):

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), an honorably discharged veteran is eligible
to receive a practitioner occupational teaching license if the veteran:

(1) Holds, at a minimum, a high school diploma;

(2) Meets the requirements of subdivisions (a)(3) and (a)(4);

(3) Possesses military training or experience equivalent to the relevant
work experience required in subdivision (a)(1) for the area of endorsement or
equivalent educational attainment, as defined by the department;

(4) Is pursuing an industry license or credential, including those issued
by the state, for the area of endorsement related to the veteran's military service
and experience, as defined by the department; and

(5) Completes and holds an active industry certification or license within
a reasonable period of time, as determined by the state board of education by
rule.

SECTION 2. For purposes of promulgating rules, this act takes effect upon becoming a
law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act takes effect July 1, 2023, the
public welfare requiring it.