

HOUSE BILL 1549

By Terry

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1 and Title 49, Chapter 5 relative to educator licensure.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-108(c), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

(6) Notwithstanding any other law, a supervisor, principal, or public school teacher shall not be required to take an assessment to advance or renew a license if:

(A) At the time of application for an initial license, the supervisor, principal, or public school teacher possessed an active professional license in a state that has a reciprocal agreement with the state board of education pursuant to § 49-5-109;

(B) At the time of application for advancement or renewal of a license, the supervisor, principal, or public school teacher is employed to serve or teach courses in the individual's area of endorsement in a public school in this state; and

(C) The supervisor, principal, or public school teacher earned an overall performance effectiveness level of "above expectations" or "significantly above expectations" as provided in the evaluation guidelines adopted by the state board of education pursuant to § 49-1-302 in each of the first two (2) years immediately following the issuance of the individual's initial license.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to applications submitted on or after that date.