



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 735

SENATE BILL NO. 2652

By White

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2464

By Stevens, Russell, Ragan, Alexander, Crawford, Doggett, Littleton, Davis, Burkhart, Carringer,
Hardaway

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to substitute teachers.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-2-203(a)(14), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following:

(14) Adopt policies on the use of substitute teachers. The policies must, at a minimum, include the following provisions:

(A) The required qualifications and training, including a requirement that substitute teachers receive the annual school safety training required by § 49-6-805(7) or other instruction on emergency response procedures developed by the local board of education;

(B) A requirement that all substitute teachers providing instruction are subject to background check requirements pursuant to § 49-5-413; and

(C) A prohibition against employing or contracting with any substitute teacher whose records indicate an educator license or certificate in this state or another state currently in revoked or suspended status; and

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to the 2024-2025 school year and each school year thereafter.

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PASSED: April 4, 2024



RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 19th day of April 2024



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR