

HOUSE BILL 2674

By Carr

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-5609, relative to teachers who are certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-5609, is amended by designating the present section as subsection (a) and by adding new subsection (b), as follows:

(b) A teacher who teaches at least three (3) years in the public schools of this state and who achieves certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards shall receive an annual salary supplement of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) in addition to any other compensation to which the teacher may be entitled. This salary supplement shall be paid to the teacher for so long as the teacher maintains national board certification, is a full time employee in a public school in this state, and is in a position where classroom instruction is at least fifty percent (50%) of the teacher's assigned duties. This salary supplement shall be treated as earnable compensation as defined in § 8-34-101.

SECTION 2. The state board of education is authorized to promulgate necessary rules governing applications for and administration of this program and to otherwise effectuate the purposes of this act. All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

SECTION 3. The provisions of this act shall not be construed to be an appropriation of funds and no funds shall be obligated or expended pursuant to this act unless such funds are specifically appropriated by the general appropriations act.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it.