

SENATE BILL 591

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AN ACT to amend Chapter 1108 of the Public Acts of 2010, relative to employee compensation. This act makes appropriations for the purpose described above for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 1108 of the Public Acts of 2010 is amended by deleting Section 60, Item 4, in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

Item 4.

(a) In addition to any other appropriations made by the provisions of this act, there is appropriated a sum sufficient for the purpose of funding an additional one-time longevity payment to state employees and employees of higher education institutions. It is the legislative intent that such payment be paid to state employees on or about April 15, 2011, and shall be based upon, insofar as possible, an amount equal to \$50.00 per year of service; provided, no total payment shall be less than \$150 nor more than \$1,250. It is further the legislative intent that additional longevity payments for employees of higher education be distributed in a similar manner. Amounts paid under this item shall be included as earnable compensation for retirement purposes. To be eligible for a payment under this section, an employee shall have at least one (1) year of service prior to October 1, 2010.

(b) In addition to all other appropriations made by the provisions of this act, there is appropriated a sum sufficient for the purpose of funding a like payment as provided in sub-item (a) for all licensed personnel within local education agencies for fiscal year 2010-2011. It is the legislative intent that each person eligible for such payment shall receive an equal share. The Commissioner of Education shall develop a plan for

distribution of such amount to achieve this intent, with such plan subject to approval of the Commissioner of Finance and Administration. It is further the legislative intent that such stipend shall be paid on or about April 15, 2011; and that amounts paid under this item shall be included as earnable compensation for retirement purposes.

(c) This item shall not apply to judges, members of the general assembly, the comptroller of the treasury, the treasurer, the secretary of state, or the governor.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.