SENATE BILL 867

By Gresham

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 5, Part 4, relative to teachers acting as representatives of a professional employees' organization.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 5, Part 4, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

49-5-4___.

An LEA shall not pay a teacher a full salary if the teacher is engaged during the school day in duties as a representative of a professional employees' organization as defined in § 49-5-602. The teacher shall be paid commensurate with the amount of time devoted to school duties. Time spent during normal working hours by a teacher representative of a professional employees' organization participating in a grievance procedural meeting or a disciplinary or employment rights meeting at the request of another teacher shall be considered as engaging in school duties.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013, the public welfare requiring it.