

SENATE BILL 945

By Tracy

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 to be subsection (a) and by adding a new subsection, as follows:

(b) A teacher in Tennessee public schools who achieves certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards shall receive an annual salary supplement of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) 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 Tennessee, 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. The state board of education is authorized to promulgate necessary rules governing applications for and administration of this program.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.