SENATE BILL 1186

By Tracy

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

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-503(2)(C), is amended by deleting the language "three (3)" and substituting instead the language "four (4)" and by deleting the language "twenty-seven (27)" and substituting instead the language "thirty-six (36)".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-504(a), is amended by deleting the language "three (3)" and substituting instead the language "four (4)" and by deleting the language "twenty-seven (27)" and substituting instead the language "thirty-six (36)".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-508(b), is amended by deleting the language "three (3)" and substituting instead the language "four (4)".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-610(b), is amended by deleting the language "three-year" and substituting instead the language "four-year".

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-5205(e), is amended by deleting the language "three-year" and substituting instead the language "four-year".

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-504(a), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (1) and by adding the following language as new subdivision (2):

(2) At the end of the third year of the probationary period, an apprentice teacher whose teacher effect score determined under title 49, chapter 1, part 6 is in the bottom ten percent (10%) of teacher effect scores statewide shall not be eligible to be rehired for a fourth year.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to teachers hired as probationary teachers beginning their first year of service on or after that date.

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