

SENATE BILL 2298

By Summerville

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

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-101(h), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(h) The state board of education, with the assistance of the department of education, shall develop a teacher transitional licensure program under which persons, including retired persons, with expertise, either from professional experience or academic training, in subjects taught in grades seven through twelve (7-12) may be hired by LEAs and directly enter the classroom with no requirement that the person complete any course of instruction in pedagogy at the time of entrance into the classroom or later. In lieu of instruction in pedagogy, the hiring LEA shall be required to provide mentoring or other support, as specified by the state board, for each person in the transitional licensure program.

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