

SENATE BILL 2674

By White

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
relative to temporary teaching permits.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-106(b), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting the following:

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), the commissioner shall not grant a person, on behalf of the state board, a temporary permit to teach:

- (1) A physical education class required under § 49-6-1021(e); or
- (2) A special education course.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-106(a), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (a)(1) and adding the following subdivision:

(2) When determining whether to issue a temporary teaching permit to allow a person to teach a course for which an end-of-course examination is required, the commissioner shall consider the following information:

(A) The availability of other faculty or staff who are qualified to teach the course for which an end-of-course examination is required;

(B) The timing of the vacancy in relation to the LEA's or public charter school's school calendar, such as whether the vacancy occurs during the LEA's or public charter school's school calendar or in between academic years; and

(C) In cases where a vacancy for a course requiring an end-of-course examination occurs outside of the LEA's or public charter school's school

calendar, the commissioner shall also consider an LEA's or public charter school's efforts to advertise the vacancy.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-6006, is amended by deleting the period and substituting the following language:

, or unless the teacher possesses a temporary teaching permit pursuant to § 49-5-106.

SECTION 4. For purposes of promulgating rules, this act takes effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act takes effect July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to temporary teaching permits issued for the 2024-2025 school year and for each school year thereafter.