



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 876

SENATE BILL NO. 2674

By White

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2285

By Haston

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 subdivision (3).

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 subdivisions:

(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.

(3) An individual who is issued a temporary teaching permit to teach a course for which an end-of-course examination is required must be assigned a mentor teacher by the director of schools or the director of the public charter school.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-106, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(k) The department of education shall report to the education committee of the senate and the education committees of the house of representatives the number of temporary teaching permits that were requested and granted for individuals to teach courses for which an end-of-course examination is required for the 2024-2025 school year, the 2025-2026 school year, and the 2026-2027 school year, respectively, by July 1, 2027.

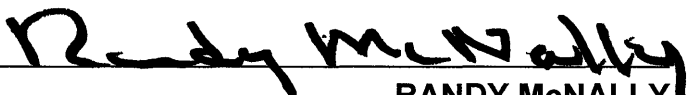
SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-6006, is amended by deleting the period at the end of the section and substituting the following language:

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

SECTION 5. 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.

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PASSED: April 17, 2024



RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 1st day of May 2024



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR