



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 326

HOUSE BILL NO. 525

By Representatives Cepicky, White, Hardaway

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 924

By Senators Kelsey, Jackson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to K-12 education.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-106, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection:

() Notwithstanding § 49-6-6006 or any law to the contrary, upon the request of a director of schools or the director of a public charter school, the commissioner of education may issue an endorsement exemption to a teacher in accordance with state board rules or a temporary permit to a person in accordance with subsection (a) to teach any course or subject area, except for special education courses, for the 2021-2022 school year. A director of schools or the director of a public charter school who applies for an endorsement exemption or temporary permit for a person to teach in the 2021-2022 school year shall certify to the commissioner that the LEA or public charter school is unable to secure a qualified teacher for the course or subject area. An endorsement exemption or temporary permit issued pursuant to this subsection () is valid only for the 2021-2022 school year.

SECTION 2. The state board of education is authorized to promulgate rules, including emergency rules, necessary to effectuate the purposes of this act. The rules must be promulgated in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5.


SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 19, 2021



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 4th day of May 2021



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR