

HOUSE BILL 2455

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
relative to occupational teaching licenses.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by
adding the following as a new section:

(a) To be eligible to receive a practitioner occupational teaching license, a
person must:

(1) Have a minimum of five (5) years of relevant work experience,
completed within the last ten (10) years, or three (3) years of relevant work
experience, completed within the last five (5) years, in the area of endorsement
or equivalent educational attainment, as defined by the department of education;

(2) Hold an active industry license or credential, issued by any state, for
the area of endorsement, as defined by the department of education;

(3) Meet the requirements established by rule by the state board of
education; and

(4)

(A) Be enrolled in a state board-approved educator preparation
program with a job-embedded clinical practice;

(B) Have completed a state board-approved educator preparation
program; or

(C) Provide proof of completion of coursework in classroom
management, pedagogy, serving students with disabilities and English

learners, and the teacher code of ethics as set forth in § 49-5-5615, from a state board-approved educator preparation program.

(b) An educator who is issued a practitioner occupational teaching license pursuant to this section shall meet all requirements for license advancement and renewal established by state board of education rules.

SECTION 2. For purposes of promulgating rules, this act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.