



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 84

SENATE BILL NO. 244

By Johnson, White, Walley

Substituted for: House Bill No. 62

By Lamberth, Cochran, Brock Martin, Harris, Gant, Sparks, Littleton, Cepicky, Alexander, Ragan

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-5-119, relative to special school districts within the department of children's services.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-5-119, is amended by deleting subsection (d) and substituting instead the following:

(d)(1) Each teacher in the special school district must receive an annual compensation rate at the start of the teacher's employment in the special school district that is no less than the average annual compensation rate for teachers in the county in which the respective youth development center is located.

(2) Each teacher in the special school district who has completed an annual performance review cycle on or before July 1, 2023, is eligible for merit pay, salary increases, bonuses, and other benefits implemented after July 1, 2023, in the same manner as other preferred service employees.

(3) Teachers in the special school district are eligible for longevity pay consistent with title 8, chapter 23, part 2.

(4) This subsection (d) shall not be construed to reduce the compensation currently paid to a teacher in the special school district.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: March 13, 2023



RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 31st day of March 2023



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR