

SENATE BILL 290

By Gardenhire

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 9 and Title 49, relative to education.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 3, Part 3, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

(a) For the purpose of a state salary increase for public school teachers proposed in the state budget document or included in the general appropriations bill, the term "teacher" means an individual who holds a license to teach issued by the state board of education and who spends fifty percent (50%) or more of the individual's time on the job instructing students in class, or through other instructional methods such as online instruction. The term "teacher" does not include licensed individuals, including licensed support personnel, administrators, or supervisors, if the licensed individual spends less than fifty percent (50%) of the individual's time on the job instructing students.

(b) If a state salary increase is proposed in the state budget document or included in the general appropriations bill for teachers and other licensed or certified personnel or staff, then the state budget document and the general appropriations bill must account for the salary increase for teachers separate from the salary increase for other licensed or certified personnel or staff.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it.