

SENATE BILL 894

By Briggs

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,  
relative to teacher contracts.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-408, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting instead the following language:

All teachers shall make a written contract with the director of schools or board of education at a fixed salary per month before entering upon their duties in any public elementary or high school. The contracts shall be in such form as may be furnished by the commissioner of education and shall be signed in duplicate, each party holding a copy. A teacher's obligations under the contract shall be limited to the term of each school year in accordance with § 49-6-3004. LEAs that require teachers to work beyond the school term shall compensate the teachers at an amount equal to their daily rate of pay under the teacher's contract. An LEA that requires teachers to work between school terms shall notify affected teachers by April 1 of each school year that such additional service shall be required. Failure to comply with this section by either or both parties shall subject the teacher and the director of schools or board of education to a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.