

SENATE BILL 1067

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 5, relative to the Professional Educators Collaborative Conferencing Act of 2011.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-605(b)(1), is amended by adding the following sentence at the end of the subdivision:

The board of education shall appoint the professional employees from a list of names provided by the professional employee organization submitting the majority of signatures on the written request to conduct collaborative conferencing.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-605(b)(3), is amended by deleting the words "eligible to vote" and substituting instead the word "voting".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-605(f), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting:

(f) All persons or organizations that appoint representatives to serve on the conferencing panel are jointly responsible for the reasonable costs necessary to conduct the confidential poll. The chair of the special question committee shall assess the costs.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-605(b), is amended by adding the language "from the date a memorandum of understanding is approved" between the word "years" and the punctuation "." at the end of the first sentence of subdivision (6)(A).

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-606(a)(3), is amended by inserting the language "in good faith" immediately after the word "participate".

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-609(c), is amended by adding the following language at the end of the subsection:

The board shall act to approve or disapprove the memorandum of understanding within sixty (60) days after the conferencing panel submits the memorandum to the board. If the board votes to disapprove the memorandum of understanding, then the conferencing panel shall continue to confer to try to reach an agreement.

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-609(d), is amended by deleting the first sentence of the subsection and substituting:

Nothing in this part shall be construed to require agreement on any terms and conditions of employment, or, if agreement has not been reached between the board of education and the representatives of the professional employees, a memorandum of understanding.

SECTION 8. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.