

SENATE BILL 1654

By Tracy

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;
Title 11 and Title 49, relative to mentors for the
Tennessee Promise scholarship program.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-708, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection:

(1) To encourage public school teachers to volunteer to be mentors in the Tennessee Promise scholarship program, teachers may be granted credit for up to one (1) day of in-service each year for becoming mentors and completing all required mentorship tasks. The one (1) day of credit for mentoring shall count as one (1) day of in-service for those days in which a teacher is permitted to choose the in-service activity.

(2) To encourage retired teachers to volunteer to be mentors in the Tennessee Promise scholarship program, participation in the Tennessee state employee discount program shall be granted to retired teachers who become mentors and complete all required mentorship tasks. Retired teachers who mentor Promise recipients shall be eligible for the Tennessee state employee discount program for one (1) year following the completion of all required mentorship tasks for an academic year.

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