

SENATE BILL 1664

By Tracy

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 36, Part 8 and Title 49, Chapter 5, relative to retired teachers.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-36-821(a), is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision (8):

(8) This subsection (a) applies only to persons who did not retire as teachers.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-36-821, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection (c):

(c) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any person who retired as a teacher under the Tennessee consolidated retirement system, any superseded system administered by the state, or any local retirement fund pursuant to chapter 35, part 3 of this title may accept employment as a kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) teacher without loss or suspension of retirement benefits under the following conditions:

(1) The retired teacher holds any teacher's professional license or certificate as may be required in title 49, chapter 5;

(2) The retired teacher's appointment to serve as a teacher cannot exceed one (1) year. The retired teacher may be reappointed to additional one-year periods; provided, that the conditions contained in this subsection are met for each reappointment;

(3) The retired teacher shall not be entitled to tenure status as provided in title 49, chapter 5, part 5;

(4) The retired teacher shall not be eligible to accrue additional retirement benefits, accrue leave, or receive medical insurance coverage as a result of such employment; and

(5) The retired teacher shall not receive automatic credit for years of experience in determining compensation; provided, that the salary paid to the retired teacher for performing the teaching services shall be equal to the rate of compensation set by the school system for first-year teachers with no experience filling similar positions. The retired teacher shall not be entitled to supplements paid under the career ladder program.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016, the public welfare requiring it.