

SENATE BILL 1701

By Powers

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-417, relative to educator licensure actions taken by the state board of education.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-417(a)(1), is amended by deleting the language "has been convicted of" and substituting instead the language "has pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to, or has been convicted or otherwise found guilty of, any of the following offenses, including equivalent offenses in another jurisdiction".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-417(c), is amended by deleting subdivision (1) and substituting instead the following:

(1) A director of schools, director of a public charter school, or director of a nonpublic school who learns that a licensed educator employed by the LEA, public charter school, or nonpublic school, respectively, has pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to, or has been convicted or otherwise found guilty of, an offense listed in subsection (a) must report the licensed educator to the state board. The state board shall set the time frame within which the director must report a licensed educator. The state board may specify in its rules other offenses for which a director is required to report a licensed educator to the state board upon learning that the licensed educator has pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to, or has been convicted or otherwise found guilty of, such offense.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.