



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 1093

SENATE BILL NO. 1864

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Substituted for: House Bill No. 1899

By Weaver, Cepicky, Moody, Sherrell, Hardaway, Ragan

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 5, relative to teacher licensure.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-106, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

() (1) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, except as provided in subdivision () (3), a teacher holding the teacher's second or third teaching permit may apply to the department of education for a limited license to continue teaching the course or subject area taught pursuant to the teacher's current temporary permit. The department shall approve a teacher's application for a limited license to continue teaching the course or subject area taught pursuant to the teacher's temporary permit if the teacher:

(A) Holds a valid temporary teaching permit;

(B) Earned a level of overall effectiveness score of "above expectations" or "significantly above expectations" on the teacher's most recent evaluation pursuant to § 49-1-302;

(C) Provides a recommendation from the director of schools or from the director of the public charter school at which the teacher taught pursuant to the teacher's temporary permit recommending that the teacher receive a limited license with the endorsement issued pursuant to the teacher's temporary permit; and

(D) Agrees, in writing, to begin a pathway approved by the state board for transitioning educators from a limited license to a practitioner license.

(2) Limited licenses are valid for two (2) school years and are not renewable.

(3) A teacher who holds a temporary permit issued pursuant to this section shall not receive a limited license to teach:

(A) A physical education class required under § 49-6-1021(e);

(B) A course for which an end-of-course examination is required, in accordance with § 49-6-6006; or

(C) A special education course.

(4) The state board of education shall promulgate rules to effectuate the purposes of this act in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5, including rules to establish:

(A) Requirements for limited licensure issuance in addition to the requirements of this section; and

(B) A pathway for a teacher who possesses a limited license to obtain a practitioner license that includes rules to establish:

(i) Minimum requirements for coursework provided by an educator preparation provider or a provider approved by both the department of education and the state board of education that is focused on foundational pedagogical skills, including foundational literacy skills in accordance with the Tennessee Literacy Success Act, compiled in chapter 1, part 9 of this title;

(ii) Benchmarks for teachers who possess a limited license to show that the teacher has met the state board's expectations for adequate content knowledge in the subject area taught by the teacher;

(iii) Requirements for teachers who possess a limited license to receive support from a highly effective clinical mentor; and


(iv) Professional assessment requirements.

SECTION 2. For purposes of promulgating rules, this act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act takes effect July 1, 2022, the public welfare requiring it.


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PASSED: April 27, 2022


RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 27th day of May 2022


BILL LEE, GOVERNOR