

SENATE BILL 2200

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
relative to teacher pay.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 3, is amended by adding the following as a new part:

(a) If, for the immediately preceding fiscal year, the actual revenue collections for the fiscal year exceeded the amount projected to be collected by the department of revenue for the fiscal year by one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) or more, then the state shall provide a bonus to each licensed teacher employed in the public schools of this state in an amount equal to one (1) additional monthly installment of the teacher's salary for the respective year or one thousand dollars (\$1,000), whichever is greater.

(b) The state shall fund one hundred percent (100%) of the bonuses awarded to licensed teachers pursuant to this section. The bonuses awarded pursuant to this section are not part of the basic education program (BEP) and do not affect the state BEP allocations that a public school system is otherwise eligible to receive; the public school system's maintenance of effort for purposes of § 49-3-314; or the salary calculations, requirements, or maintenance of effort provisions of § 49-3-306.

(c) The 112th general assembly recognizes that Article II, § 12 of the Constitution of Tennessee prevents this or any other general assembly from statutorily binding a future general assembly. Therefore, this general assembly acknowledges that this section is legally binding only for the duration of the 112th general assembly. However, each future general assembly is encouraged to include an appropriation in the general appropriations act to fund the bonuses described in subsection (a) if, for the

immediately preceding fiscal year, the actual revenue collections for the fiscal year exceeded the amount projected to be collected by the department of revenue for the fiscal year by one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) or more.

SECTION 2. This act is not an appropriation of funds, and funds shall not be obligated or expended pursuant to this act unless the funds are specifically appropriated by the general appropriations act.

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