

HOUSE BILL 2449

By Weaver

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-108, relative to licensure.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-108(c)(6), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting:

(6)

(A) When issuing a license to teach in the public schools to an individual who possesses an active teaching license in another state, the state board of education shall issue a teaching license that is equivalent to the teaching license that the individual possesses in the other state, if that state has a reciprocal agreement with the state board of education pursuant to § 49-5-109.

(B) If an individual applies for a supervisor's, assistant principal's, or principal's license, and the individual possesses an active supervisor's, assistant principal's, or principal's license in another state that has entered into a reciprocal agreement with the state board pursuant to § 49-5-109, then the department of education shall issue the individual a supervisor's, assistant principal's, or principal's license that is equivalent to the license that the individual possesses in the other state; provided, that the individual served as a supervisor, assistant principal, or principal in the other state for no less than one (1) school year.

(C) When issuing a supervisor's, assistant principal's, principal's, or public school teacher's license to an individual who is a military spouse and who possesses an active supervisor's, assistant principal's, principal's, or public school teacher's license in another state, the department of education shall issue

a supervisor's, assistant principal's, principal's, or public school teacher's license that is equivalent to the license that the individual possesses in the other state upon the department's receipt of documentation from the individual evidencing the individual's active military dependent status.

(D) The department of education shall submit a report on the effectiveness of supervisors, assistant principals, principals, and public school teachers who obtained a Tennessee educator license through an out-of-state pathway compared with the effectiveness of other supervisors, assistant principals, principals, and public school teachers licensed in this state to the education committee of the senate and the education instruction committee of the house of representatives by July 31, 2022, and by July 31 each year thereafter. The annual report required under this subdivision (c)(6)(D) must be posted on the department's website.

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