

HOUSE BILL 2051
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 33; Title 49, Chapter 5 and Title 58, Chapter 1, relative to compensation of public school teachers called to active military service.

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

SECTION 1. The general assembly finds and declares that it is in the public interest to encourage public school teachers in Tennessee to serve in the national guard and reserve component of the armed forces of the United States without suffering undue financial hardship. Alleviating such hardship will prevent the state of Tennessee and its local school systems from suffering a reduction in qualified teachers and is necessary to prevent further exacerbation of the teacher shortage.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-33-109, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and by adding the following new subsection:

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) or any other law to the contrary, any kindergarten through twelfth grade teacher who is an officer or employee of this state, or any department or agency thereof, or of any county, municipality, school district, or other political subdivision, shall be paid such person's full salary or compensation during all periods of military service provided in subsection (a) without

regard to the limitations imposed in subsection (a). The amount of compensation received pursuant to this subsection shall be reduced by the amount of any compensation received by such person pursuant to Section 58-1-109 or from the government of the United States for such military service.

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