

SENATE BILL 467

By Kyle

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-601, relative to the purpose of the Education Professional Negotiations Act (EPNA).

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-601, is amended by adding a new subdivision (b)(4), to read as follows:

(b)(4) The "terms and conditions of professional service" or "working conditions" of professional employees are those fundamental, basic or essential matters that affect a professional employee financially or the employee's employment relationship with the board of education. In order to reduce employer-employee disputes, the term "working conditions" shall be liberally construed, unless the proposed area of bargaining impinges so indirectly upon matters of employment as to require the exclusion of the subject from the area of mandatory bargaining.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.