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SENATE BILL 3012  
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-2-202,  
relative to boards of education.

WHEREAS, an important goal of the education reform efforts in Tennessee over the last twenty-five years has been to improve efficiency and effectiveness in public education in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, one of the principal methods of improving educational efficiency and effectiveness is knowledge and the communication of this knowledge to others; and

WHEREAS, school board members bring many talents and a great store of knowledge of their communities and interests to their role as school policy makers; and

WHEREAS, one area of knowledge which is vital to the decision making process, however, is often unavailable to local boards, and that is active, current knowledge of classroom conditions and the concerns of the instructional staff of the local education agency; and

WHEREAS, having an immediate resource on those matters available to board members at all meetings would be of great value in expediting actions of the board and clarifying situations requiring board actions; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-2-202, is amended by redesignating existing subsection (g) as subsection (h) and by inserting the following language to be designated as a new subsection (g):

(g) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the board of education for each local education agency shall allow the president of each local education association, or his or her designee, to serve as an advisory, non-voting member of the board. Such teacher shall serve without compensation but may, at the discretion of the board, be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses incurred while engaged in board business.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002, the public welfare requiring it.