

HOUSE BILL 901
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-5605 and Section 49-5-5606, relative to teacher licensure.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-5606, is amended by designating the current language as subsection (a) and by adding the following language, to be designated as subsection (b):

(b) Notwithstanding any provision of this section or any other law to the contrary, if a classroom teacher has taken the state teacher's certification test, required by § 49-5-5605, on at least three (3) occasions but has been unsuccessful in achieving a passing score on the test, then such teacher shall show evidence of additional preparation or class work intended to assist the student in passing the certification test. Under this subsection the teacher shall be allowed a period that does not exceed five (5) years in which to pass the test. The state board of education is authorized to award a conditional license without a passing score on the state teacher's examination during the period of preparation authorized under this subsection.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it.