

SENATE BILL 3547

By Ketron

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-23-206, relative to longevity pay.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-23-206(c) is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(c) The longevity pay provided by this section shall not be in place of any merit raise, step increase, incentive pay or cost-of-living raise but shall be in addition to all such increases. Longevity pay provided in this section shall be issued by separate check or by automated clearing house (ACH) transaction to the qualified employee, unless the employee elects not to receive a separate longevity check or separate payment by ACH transaction; provided, however, any employee of the Tennessee board of regents shall not elect whether to receive a separate longevity check until July 1, 2013. It is declared to be the intent of the general assembly to reward those not otherwise rewarded for experience and faithful service to the state and to encourage career employees to remain in service to the state.

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