

SENATE BILL 2302

By Summerville

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 5, relative to teacher licensure.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

49-5-1____. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the department shall issue a license to teach in grades nine through twelve (9-12) to any person who has taught at an eligible postsecondary institution as defined in § 49-4-902 full-time for two (2) or more years or part-time for four (4) or more years. A person shall be eligible for licensure under this section if the person has taught at an eligible postsecondary institution as either a faculty member or an adjunct faculty member. The license shall bear an endorsement to teach only in the subject area in which the person taught at the eligible postsecondary institution.

SECTION 2. The state board of education is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this act. All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

SECTION 3. For the purpose of promulgating rules and regulations, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect July 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it.