

SENATE BILL 2525

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,  
relative to a review of the teacher evaluation  
system.

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

SECTION 1.

(a) There is hereby created a committee to study and review the Tennessee educator acceleration model (TEAM) to determine its effectiveness, fairness and reasonableness as a teacher evaluation system. The committee shall also consider whether the implementation of TEAM in the 2011-2012 school year was too rushed and whether the model should have been rolled out as a pilot program for one (1) or more years in which it could have been tested and modified as necessary. The committee shall make findings and recommendations as to appropriate action to be taken to modify, as necessary, TEAM or the effects of its rapid implementation.

(b) The committee shall consist of:

(1) Six (6) members of the education committee of the house of representatives, of whom not more than three (3) shall be from the same political party, to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;

(2) Six (6) members of the education committee of the senate, of whom not more than three (3) shall be from the same political party, to be appointed by the speaker of the senate;

(3) Three (3) representatives of the Tennessee State Collaborative on Reforming Education (SCORE) to be appointed by the governor; and

(4) Three (3) Tennessee public school teachers to be appointed by the Tennessee Education Association.

(c) All appropriate state agencies shall provide assistance to the committee upon request of the chair.

(d) All legislative members of the committee who are duly elected members of the general assembly shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the general assembly.

(e) The committee shall be convened by the member with the most years of continuous service in the general assembly, and at its first meeting shall elect a chair, vice-chair, and such other officers the committee deems necessary.

(f) Nonlegislative members shall serve without pay, but may be compensated for travel expenses in accordance with the comprehensive travel regulations as promulgated by the department of finance and administration and approved by the attorney general and reporter.

(g) The committee shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the 108<sup>th</sup> General Assembly no later than February 1, 2013, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.

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