

HOUSE BILL 91

By Eldridge

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 5, Part 5, relative to suspensions of teachers pending investigations.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-511(a)(3), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(3) A director of schools may suspend a teacher at any time that may seem necessary, pending investigation or final disposition of a case before the board or an appeal. If the matter under investigation is not the subject of an ongoing criminal investigation or a department of human services investigation, and if no charges have been made pursuant to subdivision (a)(4), a suspension pending investigation shall not exceed thirty (30) days in duration. If vindicated or reinstated, the teacher shall be paid the full salary for the period during which the teacher was suspended.

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