

OUT OF STATE TEACHER LICENSURE SAMPLE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the _____ Board of Education is responsible for providing a local system of public education; and

WHEREAS, boards of education are facing a shortage of qualified teachers in many hard to staff subject areas; and

WHEREAS, teachers licensed in other states are currently required to take an assessment to receive a permanent Tennessee teaching license; and

WHEREAS, the overwhelming majority of these teachers are more than capable of teaching in their respective fields, but the additional administrative burden of taking these assessment discourages many qualified out of state teachers from seeking a Tennessee license; and

WHEREAS, Removing the assessment requirement for high performing teachers who are licensed in a state that has a reciprocity agreement with Tennessee will help address this shortage and encourage the recruitment of high quality individuals; and

WHEREAS, Teachers who receive evaluations of above expectations or significantly above expectations (level 4 and 5 respectively) during each of their first three years teaching in Tennessee are demonstrating their competence and proving their ability to successfully teach Tennessee standards to Tennessee students and should not be burdened with unnecessary requirements; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the _____ Board of Education urges the General Assembly to enact legislation that exempts out of state teachers from being required to take an assessment to receive a permanent Tennessee teaching license if the state in which they received their previous license has a reciprocity agreement with Tennessee and said teacher receives an overall effectiveness level of above expectations (level 4) or significantly above expectations (level 5) during each of their first three years as a Tennessee teacher.