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Board Retreat
Saturday, February 22, 2025 8:00 AM
Central Office - RM 102

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Memorandum

TO: TSBA Membership

FROM: Nolan Combs, Director of Government Relations

SUBJECT: Sample Resolution to Meet Requirement for Teacher Bonuses Under Education Freedom Scholarship Act

DATE: February 7, 2025

Good afternoon,

The Education Freedom Scholarship Act, passed by the General Assembly during a recent special session, includes a requirement for school boards to adopt a resolution if their district wishes to receive state funding for \$2,000 teacher bonuses for the 2024-2025 school year. Section 4 of the legislation specifically addresses these bonuses and outlines the process for participation.

TSBA has prepared a **SAMPLE RESOLUTION** to help boards meet this requirement. Resolutions must be submitted to the TN Department of Education by June 1, 2025.

[CLICK HERE](#) to download the sample resolution.

A RESOLUTION BY THE _____ BOARD OF EDUCATION

WHEREAS, the _____ Board of Education is charged with governing the school system so that all students receive the best educational opportunities in order to graduate prepared to enter a postsecondary institution or the workforce; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly passed the “Education Freedom Act of 2025” during the first Extraordinary Session of the 114th General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, this Act includes a provision providing one-time bonuses of no less than \$2,000 to public school teachers in the state; and

WHEREAS, section four (4) of the “Education Freedom Act of 2025” requires that a local board of education for an LEA seeking to participate in section four (4) of the proposed act must affirm its intention to participate via a resolution in order to receive state funds to issue these bonuses;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the _____ Board of Education affirms its intention to participate in Section four (4) of the “Education Freedom Act of 2025,” relative to bonuses for teachers.