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An act to eliminate tenure and replace it with Performance Based Salary.

Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Tenure provides undue protection of jobs, and therefore makes it extremely difficult and expensive to remove poorly-performing teachers. Because of this, many districts resort to keeping the teacher. Tenure is no longer necessary due to current laws on job discrimination, but it is still nice to have security in one's position. Eliminating tenure and replacing it with Performance Based Salary allows for striving teachers and the comforting protection the employees need.

Section 1: Performance Based Salary will be formulated by 2 categories– 40% comprising teacher evaluations, and 60% recertification/aptitude to withhold the job. Teachers must have the prerequisite of Kentucky Teaching Certification Standards.

Section 2: Teacher evaluations will be comprised of existing programs such as TPGES (teachers evaluating teachers) and a diverse, 5% random selection of students to evaluate teachers.

Section 3: Recertification will include attendance at state or national curriculum conferences with corresponding professional development offered by attending teachers to their colleagues, retesting of the Professional Readiness Exam, and testing of an Age Group Understanding exam every five years. The state will pay for both exams and conferences.

Section 4: To qualify as being recertified, you must attend the conference, get higher than 90% on the Professional Readiness exam, and above an 85% on the Age Group Understanding exam, in combination with an efficiency rating of greater than 85% on the teacher evaluation. If failure to meet these standards, the teacher will be removed.

Section 5: This bill will be enforced by the Kentucky Department of Education. Penalties for not following the Performance Based Salary procedure will result in teacher's removal from the position and mandatory recompletion of Kentucky Certification Standards to be rehired.

Section 6: A \$5,000 categorical grant to use for education–related expenses will be given to each county that institutes Performance Based Salary protocol.

Section 7: This program will go into effect upon the beginning of the 2015–2016 school year and affect all teachers.

Section 8: The cost of this bill will be \$1,000,000 to enact it and carry it out. This is less than 1% of Kentucky's annual funding for education.