

## SENATE BILL No. 355

By Committee on Ways and Means

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9 AN ACT concerning teachers; relating to teachers' contracts; amending  
10 K.S.A. 2009 Supp. 72-5437 and repealing the existing section.

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12 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

13 Section 1. K.S.A. 2009 Supp. 72-5437 is hereby amended to read as  
14 follows: 72-5437. (a) All contracts of employment of teachers, as defined  
15 in K.S.A. 72-5436, and amendments thereto, except contracts entered  
16 into under the provisions of K.S.A. 72-5412a, and amendments thereto,  
17 shall be deemed to continue for the next succeeding school year unless  
18 written notice of termination or nonrenewal is served as provided in this  
19 subsection. Written notice to terminate a contract may be served by a  
20 board upon any teacher prior to the time the contract has been com-  
21 pleted, and written notice of intention to nonrenew a contract shall be  
22 served by a board upon any teacher on or before May 1. A teacher shall  
23 give written notice to a board that the teacher does not desire continua-  
24 tion of a contract on or before May 15 or, if applicable, not later than 15  
25 days after ~~final action is taken by the board upon termination of profes-~~  
26 ~~sional negotiation absent a binding agreement under article 54 of chapter~~  
27 ~~72 of Kansas Statutes Annotated~~ *the issuance of a unilateral contract as*  
28 *authorized by K.S.A. 72-5428a, and amendments thereto*, whichever is  
29 the later date.

30 (b) Terms of a contract may be changed at any time by mutual con-  
31 sent of both a teacher and a board.

32 ~~(c) As used in this section, "teacher" means (1) a teacher as defined~~  
33 ~~by K.S.A. 72-5436, and amendments thereto, and (2) any professional~~  
34 ~~employee who is a retirant from school employment of the Kansas public~~  
35 ~~employees retirement system.~~

36 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2009 Supp. 72-5437 is hereby repealed.

37 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
38 publication in the Kansas register.