

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 1127**SENATE BILL NO. 3427****By Finney, Kelsey, Stewart, Tate, Black**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 3545

By Maddox, Maggart, Harwell, Towns; Mr. Speaker Williams; Hardaway, Naifeh, Richardson, Ramsey, Brown, Eldridge, Fincher, Ty Cobb, Kevin Brooks, Coleman, Camper, McDonald, Barker, Litz, Dunn, Haynes, Winningham, Lynn, Montgomery, Fitzhugh, Carr, Todd, Lollar, Yokley, Evans, Harry Brooks, Hensley, Stewart, McCormick, Campfield, Weaver, Shaw, Bone, White, Curtis Johnson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to student assessments.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 6, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

§ 49-1-614. Each local board of education shall develop a policy by which student scores on the Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program's grades three through eight (3-8) achievement tests shall comprise a percentage of the student's final grade for the spring semester in the subject areas of mathematics, reading/language arts, science and social studies. The percentage shall be determined by the local board from a range of no less than fifteen percent (15%) and no more than twenty-five percent (25%). The policy shall utilize performance levels determined by the State Board of Education and be developed and implemented for the spring semester of 2011.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-6002, is amended by deleting subsection (b) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(b) Beginning with the 2011-2012 school year and every school year thereafter, there shall be a testing window of two (2) consecutive school weeks for the administration of the Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program's grades three through eight (3-8) achievement tests. Testing shall begin no earlier than the first Monday occurring on or after April 22; provided, however, that the Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program tests shall not be administered prior to the completion of one hundred fifty (150) days of instruction. Those local education agencies with schools beginning on the second Monday in August or before shall test during the first week of the testing window. The Commissioner of Education shall have the authority to adjust the testing schedule for reasons including, but not limited to, natural disaster, prolonged inclement weather, or serious outbreak of contagious illness.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: June 8, 2010



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 29th day of June 2010



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR