

HOUSE BILL 2403

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,  
relative to the Classical Learning Test.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-902, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

( ) "CLT" means the Classical Learning Test administered by Classical Learning Initiatives, LLC;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-902(1), is amended by deleting the language "ACT or SAT score" and substituting instead "ACT, SAT, or CLT score,".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-907(3), is amended by deleting subdivision (B) and substituting instead the following:

(B) Attain a composite ACT score of at least twenty-one (21) on any single ACT test date or a concordant equivalent score on the SAT on any single SAT test date or on the CLT on any single CLT test date.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-908(a)(3), is amended by deleting the language:

a composite ACT score of at least 21 on any single ACT test date or a concordant equivalent score on the SAT on any single SAT test date

wherever it appears in the subdivision and substituting instead:

a composite ACT score of at least twenty-one (21) on any single ACT test date or a concordant equivalent score on the SAT on any single SAT test date or on the CLT on any single CLT test date

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-916, is amended by deleting the language:

Attain a composite ACT score of at least 29 on any single ACT test date or a concordant equivalent score on the SAT on any single SAT test date

wherever it appears in the section and substituting instead:

Attain a composite ACT score of at least twenty-nine (29) on any single ACT test date or a concordant equivalent score on the SAT on any single SAT test date or on the CLT on any single CLT test date

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-920(a), is amended by deleting subdivision (6) and substituting instead the following:

(6) Attain a composite ACT score of at least eighteen (18) on any single ACT test date or a concordant equivalent score on the SAT on any single SAT test date or on the CLT on any single CLT test date; and

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-932, is amended by deleting the language "ACT and SAT" wherever it appears in the section and substituting instead "ACT, SAT, and CLT".

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-935(a), is amended by deleting subdivision (3) and substituting instead the following:

(3) Attains a composite ACT score of at least twenty-one (21) on any single ACT test date or a concordant equivalent score on the SAT on any single SAT test date or on the CLT on any single CLT test date;

SECTION 9. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-6001(b), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

(5) The Classical Learning Test may be administered to students in eleventh grade to assess student readiness for postsecondary education for purposes of meeting

the requirement in subdivision (b)(1). A public school student who is administered the Classical Learning Test has satisfied the examination requirement in subdivision (b)(1).

SECTION 10. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

Notwithstanding another law to the contrary, each public institution of higher education shall accept a student's score on the Classical Learning Test for purposes of admission to the institution. When assessing student applications for admission, each institution shall weigh scores achieved on the Classical Learning Test in the same manner as the institution weighs scores achieved on the ACT or SAT.

SECTION 11. The state board of education and the Tennessee higher education commission may promulgate rules to effectuate this act, including rules to establish scores on the Classical Learning Test that are the concordant equivalent to scores achieved by students on the ACT or SAT. The rules must be promulgated in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

SECTION 12. This act takes effect July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it.