

SENATE BILL 204

By Bowling

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 60, relative to standardized testing limits.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 60, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) Beginning in the 2017-2018 school year, a student administered a state-mandated standardized test shall be subject to the following time limitations based on grade level:

(1) Students in grade three (3) shall be administered standardized tests for a maximum of three (3) hours total per school year;

(2) Students in grade four (4) shall be administered standardized tests for a maximum of four (4) hours total per school year;

(3) Students in grade five (5) shall be administered standardized tests for a maximum of five (5) hours total per school year;

(4) Students in grade six (6) shall be administered standardized tests for a maximum of six (6) hours total per school year;

(5) Students in grade seven (7) shall be administered standardized tests for a maximum of seven (7) hours total per school year; and

(6) Students in grades eight (8) through twelve (12) shall be administered standardized tests for a maximum of eight (8) hours total per school year.

(b) The following assessments administered by an LEA shall not be included in the total time limit required by subsection (a):

(1) ACT, SAT, or other assessments used to assess postsecondary readiness; and

(2) Locally administered assessments.

(c) This section shall not apply to students with disabilities for whom additional testing time is appropriate based on the student's IEP.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.