

SENATE BILL 572

By Gresham

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 31, relative to the assignment of students to a public school.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3103, is amended by adding the following language as new, appropriately designated subdivisions:

() The overall performance of the teacher to whom the pupil may be assigned, as determined by the teacher's evaluations conducted pursuant to § 49-1-302(d);

() The overall performance of the student, as determined by the student's demonstrated skills on the Tennessee comprehensive assessment program (TCAP);

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 31, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) The department of education shall conduct a study for the 2016-2017 school year relative to student placement and teacher effectiveness. The study shall determine the number of students in each local education agency for the 2016-2017 school year who were instructed for two (2) consecutive years by two (2) different teachers, each of whom was rated as "below expectations" or lower by their evaluation conducted pursuant to § 49-1-302(d) in the school year before the student was placed in the respective teacher's class. If a teacher did not instruct students in the preceding school year in which student are placed in the teacher's class, the teacher's evaluation rating under § 49-1-302(d) for the most recent year in which the teacher instructed students, shall be used; provided, that evaluation ratings used shall not precede the 2009-2010 school year.

(b) Subsection (a) shall only apply to the instructional subjects of reading, English language arts, and math. If a student has multiple teachers of record, then subsection (a) shall not apply if a student will be instructed for two (2) consecutive years by any teacher of record rated “below expectations” in reading, English language arts, and math.

(c) The department of education shall compile and report the information for the study required in subsection (a) to the state board of education and the education committees of the senate and house of representatives. The department of education shall publish this report on its website.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.