

SENATE BILL 631

By Watson

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

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

SECTION 1.

(a) The department of education, in consultation with the state board of education and the Tennessee higher education commission, shall conduct a study on the Tennessee comprehensive assessment program (TCAP) assessments, with a focus on the TNReady assessments and end-of-course assessments.

(b) The department shall study and make recommendations on the development of a process to provide high school credit to students achieving high scores on the TNReady assessments in the subjects of English language arts and mathematics. The department shall provide a recommendation as to what score a student must achieve on the TNReady assessments in English language arts and mathematics to receive high school credit, and a recommendation as to whether a student may use a high score achieved on a TNReady assessment in English language arts or mathematics in lieu of taking an English language arts or mathematics course.

(c) The state board of education shall assist the department with determining the score necessary for a student to receive high school credit for achieving a high score on the TNReady assessments administered in the subjects of English language arts and mathematics and whether the score may be used by the student in lieu of taking an English language arts or mathematics course.

(d) The department shall also study and make recommendations on the development of a process to provide college credit to students achieving high scores on

end-of-course assessments in English language arts and mathematics. The department shall provide recommendations as to the score necessary for a student to receive college credit.

(e) The Tennessee higher education commission shall assist the department with determining the score that a student must receive on an end-of-course assessment in English language arts or mathematics to receive college credit and whether the score may be used by the student in lieu of taking an English language arts or mathematics course.

(f) The department shall report the findings and recommendations from the study to the education committee of the senate and the education committee of the house of representatives by January 1, 2020.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.