

SENATE BILL 917

By Southerland

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-6001, relative to assessments.

WHEREAS, students should be provided with more choices in a career pathway; and

WHEREAS, students should be allowed the opportunity to pursue the industry-recognized, nationally transportable National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC); and

WHEREAS, the State recognizes that many employers require the NCRC as a condition of employment; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-6001(b)(3), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following language:

(3) Subject to available appropriations each year, each student participating in the assessment pursuant to subdivision (b)(1) shall have the opportunity to:

(A) Retake the assessment one (1) additional time prior to graduation; or

(B) Take the ACT WorkKeys® National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC) examinations, as a strategy for providing students more choice in a career pathway.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-6001(g), is amended by deleting the language "subdivision (a)(1)" and substituting instead the language "subdivision (b)(1)".

SECTION 3. Section 1 of this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to the 2019-2020 school year and each school year thereafter. Section 2 of this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.