

SENATE BILL 951

By Walley

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. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3115(a)(2)(A), is amended by deleting "or" at the end of subdivision (iv), deleting "; and" in subdivision (v) and substituting "; or", and adding the following as new subdivisions:

(vi) The student is determined to be proficient in at least two (2) subjects based on the student's achieving a performance level rating of "on track" or "mastered" on at least two (2) portions of the student's most recent TCAP test and is assigned a tutor through the TALLC to provide the student with tutoring services for ELA for the entirety of the upcoming school year;

(vii) The student scores in the 40th percentile or better on the student's most recent Tennessee universal reading screener, as defined in § 49-1-903, or state-board-approved universal reading screener; or

(viii)

(a) The student scores in the 40th percentile or better on the ELA portion of a standardized reading assessment administered to the student by the LEA;
and

(b) The student's principal, classroom teacher, and parent or guardian agree that other evaluations of the student's skill in reading demonstrate that the student is academically prepared for the next grade level; and

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3115(a)(2)(B), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

(v) The student scores in the 40th percentile or better on the student's most recent Tennessee universal reading screener or state-board-approved universal reading screener; or

(vi)

(a) The student scores in the 40th percentile or better on the ELA portion of a standardized reading assessment administered to the student by the LEA; and

(b) The student's principal, classroom teacher, and parent or guardian agree that other evaluations of the student's skill in reading demonstrate that the student is academically prepared for the next grade level.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3115, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(e) An LEA or a public charter school may retain a student in any of the grades kindergarten through two (K-2) if the student has not shown a basic understanding of the curriculum and ability to perform the skills required in the subject of reading as demonstrated by the student's grades and results on each universal reading screener administered to the student in the school year.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-6002, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(c) The department shall provide LEAs with the individual student performance level ratings from the TCAP tests administered to the LEA's students no later than May 19 each year.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-905(d)(3), is amended by adding the following after "RTI² framework manual":

, additional reading instruction per day, small group instruction, frequent progress monitoring, reduced teacher-student ratios, tutoring services, and participation in the learning loss remediation and student acceleration program

SECTION 6. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.