

SENATE BILL 1290

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2 and Title 49,
Chapter 6, relative to student assessments.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-226, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection:

Beginning with the 2015–2016 school year, the Tennessee comprehensive assessment program (TCAP) tests, or their future replacements, shall be administered only in even-numbered years.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-605, is amended by deleting “By July 1 of each year” wherever it appears and substituting instead “By July 1 of each even-numbered year”.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-606(a), is amended by deleting the word “Annually” and substituting instead the word “Biennially”.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-6002(b), is amended by deleting the language “Beginning with the 2011-2012 school year and every school year thereafter” and substituting instead “Beginning with the 2015–2016 school year and every other school year thereafter”.

SECTION 5. The state board of education shall consider the effects the administration of the Tennessee comprehensive assessment program (TCAP) tests biennially shall have on teacher evaluations, teacher tenure, and other uses of the TCAP results. The state board shall propose legislation to modify statutes that require the use of TCAP results which are affected by the administration of the tests biennially to the education committee of the senate and the

education administration and planning committee of the house of representatives by December 31, 2015.

SECTION 6. For the purposes of allowing the state board of education to begin its work under SECTION 5, SECTION 5 of this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect July 1, 2015, the public welfare requiring it.