

SENATE BILL 1300

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
relative to the Too Young to Test Act.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 6, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

(a) This part shall be known and may be cited as the "Too Young to Test Act."

(b) As used in this section:

(1) "Diagnostic purposes":

(A) Means for the purpose of determining if individual students need remedial instruction; and

(B) Does not include a test in which a student's score is used to evaluate a classroom, teacher, school, or school district; and

(2) "Standardized test" means a test or assessment of students where the same or substantially the same test is given in schools across a school district.

(c) A public school shall not administer a standardized test in pre-kindergarten through grade two (pre-K-2) unless the test is:

(1) Used for diagnostic purposes only; or

(2) Required to be administered by federal law.

(d) A public school shall not administer a standardized test for students in kindergarten through grade two (K-2) as a method of evaluating a teacher, school administrator, or other school employee.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.