

SENATE BILL 1815

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

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 as a new section:

(a) This state shall only require the administration of Tennessee comprehensive
assessment program (TCAP) tests, including TNReady assessments and end-of-course
examinations:

(1)

(A) In the subject of mathematics:

(i) Annually in grades three through eight (3-8); and

(ii) Once in grades nine through twelve (9-12);

(B) For purposes of subdivision (a)(1)(A)(ii), "mathematics"

includes the subjects of integrated mathematics, algebra, and geometry;

(2) In the subject of reading or English language arts:

(A) Annually in grades three through eight (3-8); and

(B) Once in grades nine through twelve (9-12);

(3)

(A) In the subject of science:

(i) Once in grades three through five (3-5);

(ii) Twice in grades six through nine (6-9); and

(iii) Twice in grades ten through twelve (10-12);

(B) For purposes of subdivisions (a)(3)(A)(ii) and (iii), "science" includes the subjects of chemistry and biology; and

(4)

(A) In the subject of social studies:

(i) Twice in grades three through five (3-5);

(ii) Once in grades six through nine (6-9); and

(iii) Once in grades ten through twelve (10-12);

(B) For purposes of subdivisions (a)(4)(A)(ii) and (iii), "social studies" includes the subjects of United States history and geography.

(b) The TCAP tests required in subdivisions (a)(3) and (a)(4) in grades three through twelve (3-12) must be administered in a manner that ensures science and social studies are not tested together in the same grade.

(c) This section does not:

(1) Prohibit LEAs or public charter schools from administering additional assessments, regardless of the subject matter or grade level; or

(2) Prohibit, impair, limit, or otherwise affect the administration of the project-based assessments in civics required under § 49-6-1028 or the administration of the United States civics test required under § 49-6-408.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-617, is amended by deleting the language "science, and social studies" wherever it appears in subsections (a) and (b) and substituting instead the language "science, and social studies, as applicable".

SECTION 3. The state board of education shall amend the board's rules and policies to align with the requirements of this act.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to TCAP tests administered in the 2020-2021 school year and in each school year thereafter.