

SENATE BILL 1834

By Hensley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,  
Chapter 6, Part 60, relative to assessments.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-6013, is amended by deleting the section and substituting instead the following:

(a) Tennessee comprehensive assessment program (TCAP) tests must be administered in paper format for students in grades three through eight (3-8).

(b)

(1) TCAP end-of-course assessments may be administered in a computerized, online, or paper format for students in grades nine through twelve (9-12). Except as provided in subdivision (b)(2), the commissioner of education shall determine the format for end-of-course assessments.

(2) If the commissioner determines that end-of-course assessments must be administered in a computerized or online format, then an LEA or public charter school serving students in grades nine through twelve (9-12) may notify the commissioner in writing of the LEA's or public charter school's intent to administer end-of-course assessments to students in a paper format. If an LEA or public charter school notifies the commissioner of its intent to administer end-of-course assessments in a paper format, then end-of-course assessments must be administered to the LEA's or public charter school's students in a paper format unless and until the LEA or public charter school notifies the commissioner in writing of the LEA's or public charter school's intent to withdraw its notice and to

allow end-of-course assessments to be administered to the LEA's or public charter school's students in the format determined by the commissioner pursuant to subdivision (b)(1).

(c) The state board of education shall promulgate rules to establish the deadline and requirements for notices submitted for purposes of this section. The rules must be promulgated in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to tests administered in the 2022-2023 school year and each school year thereafter.