

SENATE BILL 2057

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,  
relative to K-12 education.

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

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

49-1-107.

(a) The department of education shall reimburse LEAs all costs incurred by the LEAs in implementing the common core state standards and the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) assessments. These costs shall include, but not limited to:

(1) The cost of all computer hardware specifically required for the implementation of common core state standards or PARCC assessments;

(2) The cost of all computer software specifically required for the implementation of common core state standards or PARCC assessments;

(3) The cost of all textbooks purchased to align the curriculum to the common core state standards;

(4) The cost of training teachers to use the common core state standards in their schools' curricula and to prepare their students for testing by the PARCC assessments; and

(5) The cost associated with all travel required in the training of teachers, including a reasonable per diem, to use the common core state standards in their schools' curricula and to prepare their students for testing by the PARCC assessments.

(b) Costs of an LEA associated with the ongoing use of common core state standards and the PARCC assessments shall be reimbursed by the department.

(c) Each LEA shall determine the actual costs it has incurred in implementing and its ongoing costs in using the common core state standards and the PARCC assessments in its schools and report the costs to the department. The costs shall be itemized by category and reported as required by the department.

SECTION 2. The provisions of this act shall not be construed to be an appropriation of funds and no funds shall be obligated or expended pursuant to this act unless such funds are specifically appropriated by the general appropriations act.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014, the public welfare requiring it.