

SENATE BILL 2205

By Briggs

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-617, relative to student scores on achievement tests.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-617, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting instead:

(a) In grades three through eight (3-8), a local board of education shall not be required to include a student's scores on state-mandated student achievement tests as a part of the student's grade in the subject areas of mathematics, reading/language arts, science, or social studies.

(b) Each local board may develop a policy by which student scores on state-mandated student achievement tests in grades three through eight (3-8) may be included as a percentage of the student's final grade for the spring semester in the subject areas of mathematics, reading/language arts, science, or social studies. If a policy is developed, the percentage shall be determined by the local board from a range of no less than fifteen percent (15%) and no more than twenty-five percent (25%). The policy shall utilize performance levels determined by the state board of education.

(c) A local board of education may use the grading policy that the local board had in place on or before July 1, 2016.

(d) Nothing in this section shall prevent a local board from:

(1) Modifying the policy pursuant to subsection (b); or

(2) Ceasing to use the policy that the local board previously adopted that required student scores on state-mandated student achievement tests to comprise a percentage of the student's final grade.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016, the public welfare requiring it.