

SENATE BILL 2371

By Tate

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

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-302(d)(2), is amended by deleting subdivision (B) and by substituting instead the following language:

(B)

(i) Fifty percent (50%) of the evaluation criteria shall be based on measures of student achievement selected from a list of such measures developed by the teacher evaluation advisory committee and adopted by the board. For each evaluation, the teacher or principal being evaluated and the person or persons responsible for conducting the evaluation shall mutually agree on which such measures are employed. If no agreement is reached, then the teacher or principal being evaluated may designate the measures to be used from the list adopted by the board.

(ii) Statistical estimates based on variations in standardized test scores as reflected in the estimates produced by the Tennessee Value-Added Assessment System (TVAAS) are regarded as estimates of student growth, which is distinct from student achievement. For purposes of this subdivision (d)(2)(B), TVAAS estimates shall not be included among the measures developed and used pursuant to subdivision (d)(2)(B)(i).

(iii) Notwithstanding subdivision (d)(2)(B)(i), for teachers who teach grades or subjects for which individual TVAAS estimates are not available and for teachers who do not have estimates available for three (3) consecutive years

in order to produce three-year average estimates, TVAAS estimates shall not be used as a component of the evaluation. In such instances, the measure of student achievement under subdivision (d)(2)(B)(ii) shall comprise fifty percent (50%) of the evaluation criteria.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.