

SENATE BILL 3341

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 6, relative to examinations and
assessments.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 60, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

49-6-600_.

(a) No teacher shall teach a course in which an examination is required of students to satisfy the requirements of § 49-6-6001 without demonstrating sufficient content knowledge in the course material by passing the examination with a raw score of seventy-five (75) or greater no later than thirty (30) calendar days after the teacher is assigned to teach the course. A teacher who has passed the examination for a course shall not be required to take the examination again when subsequently assigned to teach the course; unless the teacher's evaluation performed pursuant to § 49-1-302(d) immediately preceding the new assignment demonstrates an overall performance effectiveness level of "below expectations" or "significantly below expectations".

(b) The state board of education shall annually provide examinations to teachers as required by this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2013, the public welfare requiring it.