

SENATE RESOLUTION 150

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A RESOLUTION to urge the Department of Education to include the ACT and SAT participation rates for each local education agency on the state report card.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-6001(b)(1), requires that every public school student shall take an examination in grade eleven, which is approved by the Commissioner of Education and provides information to assist in developing interventions for the purpose of improving student preparation for postsecondary achievement; and

WHEREAS, current State Board of Education policy requires all Tennessee students, beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, to complete the ACT or SAT prior to graduation if the student was enrolled in a Tennessee public school in the eleventh grade; and

WHEREAS, the majority of Tennessee students elect to take the ACT, but under the state college readiness testing program, districts can choose to administer the SAT to all eleventh grade students during the school day at no cost to students and calculate the results into their accountability framework; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Tennessee Student Assessment Transparency Act of 2016, the General Assembly voted to allow each student who takes a postsecondary readiness assessment as a high school junior to be provided the opportunity, subject to available appropriations each year, to retake it as a senior free of cost; and

WHEREAS, current accountability reporting of the ACT/SAT participation rate includes only a cumulative summary participation rate percentage, rather than an individual breakout reporting by test type; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby urge the Department of

Education to include the ACT and SAT participation rate percentages for each LEA on the annual report card published each year pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-211.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Education is also urged to include in the report the percentage of students that participated in each individual examination and the percentage of students that participated in both examinations.