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***Raised Bill No. 7011***

LCO No. 5030



Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:  
(ED)

***AN ACT CONCERNING STUDENT STATE-WIDE ASSESSMENTS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10-14n of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

3 (a) As used in this section, "mastery examination" means (1) for  
4 students enrolled in grades [three to eight, inclusive,] four, six and eight,  
5 an examination or examinations, approved by the State Board of  
6 Education, that measures essential and grade-appropriate skills in  
7 reading, writing or mathematics, (2) for students enrolled in grades five,  
8 eight and eleven, an examination, approved by the State Board of  
9 Education, that measures essential and grade-appropriate skills in  
10 science, and (3) for students enrolled in grade eleven, a nationally  
11 recognized college readiness assessment, approved by the State Board  
12 of Education, that measures essential and grade-appropriate skills in  
13 reading, writing and mathematics.

14 (b) (1) (A) For the school [year] years commencing July 1, 2015, [and  
15 each school year thereafter] to July 1, 2024, inclusive, each student

16 enrolled in grades three to eight, inclusive, and grade eleven in any  
17 public school shall, annually, take a mastery examination in reading,  
18 writing and mathematics during the regular school day.

19 (B) For the school year commencing July 1, 2025, and each school year  
20 thereafter, each student enrolled in grades four, six, eight and eleven in  
21 any public school shall, annually, take a mastery examination in  
22 reading, writing and mathematics during the regular school day.

23 (2) (A) For the school years commencing July 1, 2013, to July 1, 2017,  
24 inclusive, each student enrolled in grades five, eight and ten in any  
25 public school shall, annually, in March or April, take a state-wide  
26 mastery examination in science during the regular school day.

27 [(3)] (B) For the school year commencing July 1, 2018, and each school  
28 year thereafter, each student enrolled in grades five, eight and eleven in  
29 any public school shall annually take a state-wide mastery examination  
30 in science during the regular school day.

31 (c) (1) Mastery examinations, as defined in subdivision (1) of  
32 subsection (a) of this section, given to students enrolled in grades [three  
33 to eight, inclusive,] four, six and eight, pursuant to subparagraph (B) of  
34 subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section, shall be provided by and  
35 administered under the supervision of the State Board of Education.

36 (2) Mastery examinations, as defined in subdivision (2) of subsection  
37 (a) of this section, given to students enrolled in grades five, eight and  
38 ten or eleven, pursuant to [subdivisions (2) and (3)] subparagraph (B) of  
39 subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of this section, shall be provided by and  
40 administered under the supervision of the State Board of Education.

41 (3) Mastery examinations, as defined in subdivision (3) of subsection  
42 (a) of this section, given to students enrolled in grade eleven, pursuant  
43 to subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section,  
44 shall be paid for by the State Board of Education and administered by  
45 the provider of such nationally recognized college readiness assessment

46 in accordance with the provisions of the agreement between the state  
47 board and such provider, pursuant to section 10-14x.

48 (d) The scores on each component of the mastery examination, as  
49 defined in subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of this section, for each  
50 eleventh grade student may be included on the permanent record and  
51 transcript of each such student who takes such examination. For each  
52 eleventh grade student who meets or exceeds the state-wide mastery  
53 goal level on any component of the mastery examination, a certification  
54 of having met or exceeded such goal level shall be made on the  
55 permanent record and the transcript of each such student and such  
56 student shall be issued a certificate of mastery for such component.

57 (e) No public school may require achievement of a satisfactory score  
58 on a mastery examination, or any subsequent retest on a component of  
59 such examination as the sole criterion of promotion or graduation.

60 (f) (1) For the school year commencing July 1, 2015, and each school  
61 year thereafter, the scores on each component of the mastery  
62 examination for students who are multilingual learners, as defined in  
63 section 10-76kk, and who have been enrolled in a school in this state or  
64 another state for fewer than twenty school months, shall not be used for  
65 purposes of calculating the accountability index, as defined in section  
66 10-223e, for a school or school district.

67 (2) For the school year commencing July 1, 2015, and each school year  
68 thereafter, mastery examinations pursuant to subsection (b) of this  
69 section shall be offered in the most common native language of students  
70 who are multilingual learners taking such mastery examinations and  
71 any additional native languages of such students when mastery  
72 examinations in such native languages are developed and have been  
73 approved by the United States Department of Education.

74 (g) (1) Not later than August fifteenth of each school year, the  
75 Department of Education shall notify each local and regional board of  
76 education of the scores of students under the jurisdiction of the board

77 on the mastery examination administered during the previous school  
78 year.

79 (2) Not later than October first of each school year, each local and  
80 regional board of education shall notify the parent or guardian of a  
81 student who had taken the mastery examination that was administered  
82 during the previous school year of such student's scores on such  
83 mastery examination.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	10-14n

**Statement of Purpose:**

To reduce the number of times students are required to take the mastery examination and to require boards of education to notify parents and guardians of their student's mastery examination scores.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*