



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 323

HOUSE BILL NO. 462

By Representatives Cepicky, Hurt, Doggett

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1340

By Senator Hensley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-228 and Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 6, relative to graduation rates.

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

SECTION 1.

(a) The department of education shall submit a report to the education administration committee and education instruction committee of the house of representatives on the high school graduation rate no later than January 1, 2022. The report must include:

(1) An analysis of the adjusted cohort graduation rate and the ready graduate indicator, as defined by Tennessee's Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) plan established pursuant to the Every Student Succeeds Act (20 U.S.C. § 6301 et seq.), on school and LEA accountability, including whether the use of the metrics appropriately encourages LEAs and schools to graduate students who are prepared for postsecondary coursework and the workforce;

(2) The number and percentage of students, disaggregated by each student group, as defined within Tennessee's Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) plan established pursuant to the Every Student Succeeds Act (20 U.S.C. § 6301 et seq.), that graduate from high school in less than four (4) years, in four (4) years, in four (4) years and one (1) summer, in five (5) years, and in six (6) years with a regular high school diploma and ready graduate indicator status as defined in subdivision (a)(1); and

(3) An analysis of available information, to the extent practicable, related to metrics or practices pertaining to student graduation and postsecondary readiness in schools and LEAs, including student course access; graduation requirements; grades and credit recovery; and college, career, and technical education opportunities.

(b) The department shall post the report described in subsection (a) on the department's website.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 6, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

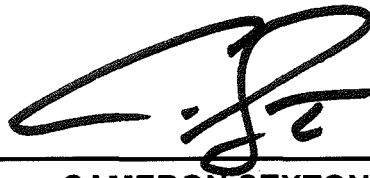
(a) The department shall annually report on the state report card, established pursuant to § 49-1-228, information related to state, LEA, and school level indicators of postsecondary readiness by graduating class, including the percentage of students achieving postsecondary readiness pursuant to the department's defined eligibility criteria. The department shall begin reporting the information identified in this subsection (a) with the graduating class of 2021 in the 2022 state report card.

(b) Disclosure under this section must comply with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. 1232g); § 10-7-504; the Data Accessibility, Transparency, and Accountability Act, compiled in chapter 1, part 7 of this title; and all other relevant privacy laws.

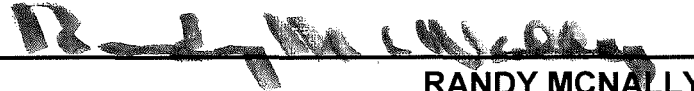
SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 22, 2021



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 4th day of May 2021



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR