

HOUSE BILL 1089

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,  
Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2 and Title 49,  
Chapter 6, relative to student assessment.

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

SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Parent Empowerment and Testing Transparency Act."

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 60, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

(a)

(1) A parent shall have access to the test questions and the parent's student's answers on the Tennessee comprehensive assessment program (TCAP) tests, the end-of-course examinations, or any other state-required standardized summative assessments administered to the parent's student within thirty (30) days after the last date for the administration of the test. The department of education, according to guidelines and policies adopted by the state board of education, shall provide a parent, upon the parent's request, with either a username and password that allow the parent to view electronically the parent's student's test and answers or a paper copy of the test and the student's answers.

(2) Any electronic access to a test and a student's answers shall be from a secure web site on servers maintained by the state or a vendor with whom the state contracts. Only the student's parent and teachers, as provided in

subsection (b), using a unique username and password shall be able to access the student's test and answers from the web site.

(b) A teacher shall have access to a test administered to a student and the student's answers to assist the teacher in determining the student's mastery of state standards; in planning instruction and support for the student's learning needs; and in improving the teacher's instruction for all students. A teacher's access to tests and students' answers shall be limited to students the teacher is currently teaching in the subject tested and to students the teacher taught in the subject tested in the school year in which the test was given.

(c) As used in this section, "parent" means the parent, guardian, or person who has custody of the child, or the individual who has caregiving authority under § 49-6-3001.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-6007, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection:

An LEA shall include, with the information required to be posted under subsection (b), a statement that informs parents how they can view the questions on their students' state-required summative standardized assessments and their students' answers. An LEA shall also annually provide this information to parents by the other methods of dissemination under subsection (b) that it has chosen or that are required, including publication in each school's student handbook, or other standard or policy guidebook that contains the policies and procedures of the school.

SECTION 4. For the purpose of the state board of education adopting policies and guidelines, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect July 1, 2015, the public welfare requiring it.