

HOUSE BILL 1584

By Carr

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 6; Title 49, Chapter 10 and Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 60, relative to assessment of students receiving special education services.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-612, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection (c):

(c) In addition to the alternative assessment for students with disabilities, or TCAP-Alt, which is available for assessment of students with the most significant cognitive disabilities, and the modified academic achievement standards assessment, or TCAP-MAAS, which is available for assessment of certain students with disabilities in grades three through eight (3-8) who have active individualized education programs (IEPs), the department of education shall develop an additional alternative state standardized test designed for students who have disabilities less severe than those eligible for testing with the TCAP-Alt and more severe than those with moderate disabilities who are eligible for testing with TCAP-MAAS. In designing the additional alternative assessment, the department shall evaluate other states' alternative assessments for such students. The additional alternative assessment shall be available for use in the 2012-2013 school year.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.