

HOUSE BILL 2166

By Thompson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
relative to testing.

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 "School Spending Disclosure Act."

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

(a) Each LEA and public charter school governing body shall submit a report no later than January 15 of each year to the department of education containing the following information, if available, for the previous school year regarding the amount of state and local funds spent by the LEA or public charter school governing body to administer all standardized tests. The report must include:

(1) The amount paid for each standardized test, including the test itself, examiner guides, preparation materials, testing security guides, answer sheets or booklets, and any consulting fees paid for the preparation, administration, or scoring of the test;

(2) The amount paid for each practice standardized test, including the test itself, examiner guides, preparation materials, testing security guides, answer sheets or booklets, and any consulting fees paid for the preparation, administration, or scoring of the practice test;

(3) The amount paid for computer hardware or information technology other than software for the purpose of taking standardized tests or practice standardized tests;

(4) The amount paid for each test preparation program, including software programs and pre-packaged lessons that are designed to prepare students to take standardized tests or practice standardized testing;

(5) The amount paid for consultants to advise public schools or public charter schools how to prepare for, administer, or score standardized tests;

(6) The amount paid for testing personnel, including employees and contractors who act as test coordinators, coaches, and proctors, to administer standardized tests and practice standardized tests; and

(7) The amount paid for professional development of teachers directly related to the administration of standardized tests and practice standardized tests.

(b) The department shall compile the reports submitted pursuant to subsection (a), and publish the data to the department's website no later than February 15 of each year.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020, the public welfare requiring it.