

SENATE BILL 157

By Hensley

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

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-228(a), is amended by deleting subdivision (3) and substituting instead the following:

(3) Other outcome indicators of student achievement that the department finds to be reliable measures of school performance. If the department uses student performance on a postsecondary readiness assessment, such as the ACT or SAT, as an indicator of student achievement for purposes of this subdivision (a)(3), then:

(A) The department shall also use student performance on the career readiness assessments described in § 49-6-6001(b)(4) as an indicator of student achievement for purposes of this subdivision (a)(3); and

(B) If a student is administered a postsecondary readiness assessment and a career readiness assessment, then the department shall only consider student performance on the assessment for which the student achieved the highest score for purposes of assigning a school letter grade.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2025, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to school grades issued for the 2025-2026 school year and subsequent school years.