

SENATE BILL 262

By McNally

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 60, relative to standardized testing limits.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 60, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, a state-mandated standardized assessment must be administered to students according to the following testing time limits based on grade level:

(1) A maximum of three (3) hours total per school year for students in grade three (3);

(2) A maximum of four (4) hours total per school year for students in grade four (4);

(3) A maximum of five (5) hours total per school year for students in grade five (5);

(4) A maximum of six (6) hours total per school year for students in grade six (6);

(5) A maximum of seven (7) hours total per school year for students in grade (7); and

(6) A maximum of eight (8) hours total per school year for students in grades eight through twelve (8-12).

(b) The following assessments are not subject to the testing time limits established in subsection (a):

(1) ACT, SAT, or any other assessment used to assess a student's readiness for postsecondary education pursuant to § 49-6-6001(b); and

(2) Assessments required by an LEA or governing body.

(c) This section does not apply to a student for whom additional testing time is appropriate or required under the student's individualized education program (IEP) under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. § 1400 et seq.) or Section 504 plan under the Rehabilitation Act (29 U.S.C. § 701 et seq.).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it.