

SENATE BILL 632

By Southerland

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,  
relative to K-12 education.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 3, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

(a) Beginning in the 2018-2019 academic school year, the state board of education shall adopt rules requiring LEAs to:

(1) Use the ACT College and Career Readiness Standards for high school English language arts, math, and science courses; and

(2) Use the ACT WorkKeys® and National Career Readiness Certificate™ standards for high school English language arts and math courses.

(b) The standards adopted pursuant to subsection (a) shall go through the review process as established in § 49-1-311, § 49-1-312, and § 49-1-313.

(c) The state board of education shall ensure that the standards adopted pursuant to subsection (a) align with the Tennessee comprehensive assessment program (TCAP) tests, inclusive of achievement, end of course, and comprehensive writing assessments.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-6001(b), is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision:

Every public school student shall take the ACT WorkKeys® examination at grade eleven (11).

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-6001, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection:

Notwithstanding any other law, a public school student shall not be required to take an end of course exam for English 3, Algebra 2, or Chemistry at grade eleven (11).

SECTION 4. For purposes of promulgating rules, 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, 2017, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to the 2018-2019 school year and school years thereafter.