

SENATE BILL 2564

By Hensley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 1, relative to evaluation criteria.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-302(d)(2)(E)(iii), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following:

(iii) In the 2018-2019 school year and thereafter, the evaluation criteria identified in subdivision (d)(2)(B)(ii) shall be adjusted based on the percentage of Tennessee comprehensive assessment program (TCAP) questions released by the department of education pursuant to §§ 49-6-6008 and 49-1-610. For purposes of this subdivision (d)(2)(E)(iii), the department's release of seventy percent (70%) of TCAP questions in all grades is considered a full release. Any percentage of TCAP questions released by the department below seventy percent (70%) shall proportionately reduce the percentage of the evaluation criteria identified in subdivision (d)(2)(B)(ii). A teacher or principal may choose to use the full, non-reduced, evaluation criteria identified in subdivision (d)(2)(B)(ii) if using the data results in a higher evaluation score for the teacher or principal. The qualitative portion of the evaluation shall be increased to account for any necessary reduction to the student growth measure;

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