



**State of Tennessee**  
**PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 351**

**SENATE BILL NO. 1776**

**By Burks, Summerville, Kelsey, Gresham, Berke, Tracy; Mr. Speaker Ramsey; Herron, Barnes, Harper, Tate**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2038

By Harry Brooks, Don Miller, Haynes, Evans, Weaver

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to promotion of students.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 31, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

49-6-3115.

Beginning with the 2011-2012 school year, a student in the third grade shall not be promoted to the next grade level unless the student has shown a basic understanding of curriculum and ability to perform the skills required in the subject of reading as demonstrated by the student's grades or standardized test results. However, such student may be promoted if the student participates in an LEA approved research-based intervention prior to the beginning of the next school year. This section shall not apply to students who have IEPs pursuant to 20 U.S.C. § 1400 et seq.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it.

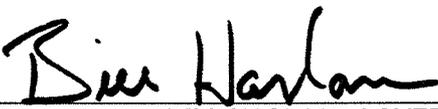
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PASSED: May 19, 2011

  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 30th day of May 2011

  
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BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR