



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 680

SENATE BILL NO. 300

By Gresham, Kelsey, Bowling

Substituted for: House Bill No. 155

By Casada, Akbari, Lollar, Holt, Sargent

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2; Title 49, Chapter 3; Title 49, Chapter 5 and Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to accountability.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) The department of education shall develop a school grading system that annually assigns A, B, C, D, and F letter grades to schools based on:

- (1) Student performance on the Tennessee comprehensive assessment program (TCAP) tests or end-of-course exams;
- (2) Student growth as indicated by Tennessee Value-Added Assessment System (TVAAS) data or data from other measures of student growth; and
- (3) Other outcome indicators of student achievement that the department finds to be reliable measures of school performance.

(b) The department of education shall include each school's A, B, C, D, or F grade on the state report card.

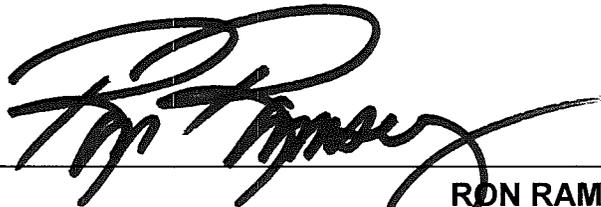
(c) Implementation of the school grading system shall begin in the 2017-2018 school year; however, prior to implementation, the state board shall review the grading scale developed by the department.

(d) The department shall provide notice of the adopted grading scale to each LEA prior to the start of the 2017-2018 school year.

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

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PASSED: March 14, 2016



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 24th day of March 2016



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR