

SENATE BILL 285

By Briggs

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2 and Title 49,
Chapter 6, relative to student grades.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-617, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting instead:

(a) In grades three through eight (3-8), a local board of education shall not be required to include a student's scores on state-mandated student achievement tests as a part of the student's grade in the subject areas of mathematics, reading/language arts, science, or social studies. However, each local board may develop a policy by which student scores on state-mandated student achievement tests in grades three through eight (3-8) may be included as a percentage of the student's final grade for the spring semester in the subject areas of mathematics, reading/language arts, science, or social studies. If a policy is developed, the percentage shall be determined by the local board from a range of no less than fifteen percent (15%) and no more than twenty-five percent (25%) and shall utilize performance levels determined by the state board of education.

(b) A local board of education may continue to use any such grading policy in place on the effective date of this act. At any time, a local board may modify its policy or halt the use of any policy it has adopted requiring incorporation of state-mandated student achievement test results in students' grades.

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