

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 511

By Green

A RESOLUTION to request the Governor and the Department of Education not to use TNReady scores in the computation of teacher evaluations this year due to the failure of the testing system.

WHEREAS, on the first day of Tennessee's conversion to the new TNReady assessment and online testing, the new platform crashed due to a "severe network outage" that caused significant problems in countless schools and school districts statewide whose students could not complete their tests; and

WHEREAS, as the failure became apparent with no resolution in sight, Commissioner Candice McQueen of the Department of Education contacted district school directors statewide to stop the testing process; and

WHEREAS, the following day, Commissioner McQueen sent a letter to every director of schools to inform them that, due to a lack of confidence in the system's ability to perform consistently, all TNReady testing during the 2015-16 school year will be administered via paper and pencil; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby request the Governor and the Department of Education not to use TNReady scores in the computation of teacher evaluations this year due to the failure of the testing system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared and transmitted to Governor Bill Haslam and Commissioner Candice McQueen of the Department of Education.