

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 682

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A RESOLUTION urging the State of Tennessee to evaluate the Classic Learning Test (CLT) for State-sponsored scholarships and admission to public universities.

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee desires to be a leader in education for all students;
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WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee promotes choice for students and their families in education, and choice of college entrance exams is an important consideration; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee has rejected the Common Core standards and has adopted its own standards, and the Classic Learning Test (CLT) is the only college entrance exam that does not favor students who have been educated in a Common Core school; and

WHEREAS, eleven colleges and universities in the State of Tennessee accept the CLT for admission, including such prestigious institutions as Lipscomb University and Union University; and

WHEREAS, colleges and universities desire to attract and retain top-performing students from across the nation, and the CLT has traditionally been taken by high-performing students;
and

WHEREAS, allowing students who take the CLT to qualify for a Tennessee HOPE Scholarship would encourage more high-performing students to remain in the State of Tennessee to pursue their postsecondary education; and

WHEREAS, many home-educated students in the State of Tennessee prefer the CLT but cannot qualify for a Tennessee HOPE Scholarship without an ACT or SAT score; and

WHEREAS, the CLT can provide the full measure of accommodations for students with special needs; and

WHEREAS, the CLT offers several advantages to students, including a test of shorter duration (two hours), online testing, same-day test results, free score reports to an unlimited number of colleges, and less data gathering; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that the State of Tennessee is urged to evaluate the Classic Learning Test as an alternative to the ACT and SAT for State-sponsored scholarships, such as the Tennessee HOPE Scholarship, and for admission into the State of Tennessee's public colleges and universities.