

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 825

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A RESOLUTION to urge the Department of Education to allow school districts the freedom to select the Response to Instruction and Intervention (RTI²) assessments they use.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee constitution recognizes the inherent value of education and encourages its support; and

WHEREAS, local school districts provide and deliver education; they must be empowered to make decisions in the best interest of Tennessee students; and

WHEREAS, parents, students, teachers, school officials, and legislators throughout the State have expressed concern about over-testing in Tennessee schools; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee citizens also expect efficient and effective use of taxpayer dollars to support and deliver education; and

WHEREAS, districts are being forced to over-test the most at-risk students due to State policy; and

WHEREAS, districts are also forced to use one State-provided Response to Instruction and Intervention (RTI²) test, even if other tests meet the needs of their students; 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 we hereby urge the Department of Education to allow school districts the freedom to select the Response to Instruction and Intervention (RTI²) assessments they use.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Education.