

SENATE RESOLUTION 33

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A RESOLUTION to commend Shelby County Schools' new promotion policy.

WHEREAS, in an effort to boost literacy among its youngest students, Shelby County Schools has proposed a new policy to no longer promote to the next grade those second-grade students who are not ready; and

WHEREAS, when fully implemented beginning with the 2020-2021 school year, the policy will require second-grade students to meet eight of twelve benchmark points, with students who fail to meet that goal being required to attend summer school, where they could catch up in time to be promoted in the fall, or repeat second grade; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of this new policy is highly laudable and an appropriate opportunity to provide earlier support for Tennessee's students who are behind and unprepared for the next step in their education; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we commend Shelby County Schools on its adoption of a new promotion policy to ensure that its students are performing at grade level and are prepared to advance to the next grade.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.