

SENATE BILL 300

By Gresham

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2; Title 49, Chapter 3; Title 49, Chapter 5 and Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to accountability.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 3, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) The state board shall develop a school grading system that assigns letter grades to schools based on their performance on the Tennessee comprehensive assessment program (TCAP) tests or end-of-course exams, their effect on student growth as indicated by Tennessee value-added assessment system data or data from other measures of student growth, and other indicators of student achievement that the state board finds to be reliable measures of school performance. The school grading system shall assign a grade of A, B, C, D, or F to a school as determined by the state board based on the school's performance. School grades shall be assigned annually.

(b) The department of education shall include each school's school grade on the state report card.

(c) The school grading system shall be implemented prior to the start of the 2017-2018 school year.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015, the public welfare requiring it.