

State of Tennessee
PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 1020

SENATE BILL NO. 3341

By Ketron

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2675

By Carr

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to examinations and assessments.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 60, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

49-6-60___. A teacher shall not teach a course in which an end of course examination is required for students to satisfy graduation requirements set by the State Board of Education pursuant to § 49-6-6001(a), if the teacher's license does not carry a subject specific endorsement for the subject area of the course; unless the teacher demonstrates sufficient content knowledge in the course material by taking, at the teacher's own expense, and by passing a standardized or criterion-referenced test for the content area. A teacher who has passed a content area test shall not be required to retake the test or take any additional content area test, if subsequently assigned to teach the course; unless the teacher's evaluation performed pursuant to § 49-1-302(d) immediately preceding the new assignment demonstrates an overall performance effectiveness level of "below expectations" or "significantly below expectations".

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2013, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 26, 2012

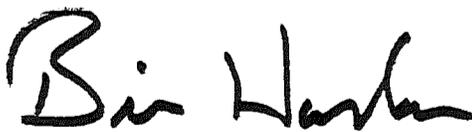


RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 15th day of May 2012



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR