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HOUSE BILL 1609

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 60, relative to assessments.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-6001(a), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (a)(1) and adding the following as a new subdivision (a)(2):

(2) Beginning in the 2018-2019 school year and each school year thereafter, no end-of-course examinations shall be administered to students in grades nine through twelve (9-12), and the ACT is the only assessment that may be required for graduation. This subdivision (a)(2) shall not affect testing for students with disabilities for whom testing is not appropriate based on the student's individualized education plan (IEP), or who are assessed with the alternate assessment under § 49-1-612.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to state assessments administered in the 2018-2019 school year and each school year thereafter.