



General Assembly

**Amendment**

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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 1095

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING STUDENTS ASSESSMENTS."**

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- 1 Strike section 2 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:
- 2 "Sec. 2. Section 10-14n of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 3 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):
- 4 (a) As used in this section, "mastery examination" means [an
- 5 examination or examinations] (1) for students enrolled in grades three
- 6 to eight, inclusive, progress monitoring tests, approved by the State
- 7 Board of Education, that measure essential and grade-appropriate
- 8 skills in reading, writing [,] or mathematics, [or science] (2) for
- 9 students enrolled in grade five, eight or ten, progress monitoring tests,
- 10 approved by the State Board of Education, that measure essential and
- 11 grade-appropriate skills in science, and (3) for students enrolled in
- 12 grade ten, a nationally recognized college readiness assessment or

13 assessments, approved by the State Board of Education, that measure  
14 essential and grade-appropriate skills in reading, writing and  
15 mathematics.

16 (b) (1) For the school year commencing July 1, [2013] 2015, and each  
17 school year thereafter, each student enrolled in grades three to eight,  
18 inclusive, and grade ten [or eleven] in any public school shall,  
19 annually, take a mastery examination in reading, writing and  
20 mathematics.

21 (2) For the school year commencing July 1, [2013] 2015, and each  
22 school year thereafter, each student enrolled in grade five, eight [,] or  
23 ten [or eleven] in any public school shall, annually, in March or April,  
24 take a state-wide mastery examination in science.

25 (c) (1) Mastery examinations, as defined in subdivision (1) of  
26 subsection (a) of this section, given to students enrolled in grades three  
27 to eight, inclusive, pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this  
28 section, shall be provided by and administered under the supervision  
29 of the State Board of Education.

30 (2) Mastery examinations, as defined in subdivision (2) of subsection  
31 (a) of this section, given to students enrolled in grade five, eight or ten,  
32 pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of this section, shall be  
33 provided by and administered under the supervision of the State  
34 Board of Education.

35 (3) For the school year commencing July 1, 2015, and each school  
36 year thereafter, a local or regional board of education may select, for  
37 purposes of the mastery examination given to students enrolled in  
38 grade ten, pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section,  
39 a nationally recognized college readiness assessment approved by the  
40 State Board of Education, provided such local or regional board of  
41 education provides written notice of such selection to the State Board  
42 of Education not later than October first of each school year. Such  
43 mastery examinations shall be administered by the provider of the

44 nationally recognized college readiness assessment.

45 (d) The scores on each component of the mastery examination for  
 46 each tenth [or eleventh] grade student may be included on the  
 47 permanent record and transcript of each such student who takes such  
 48 examination. For each tenth [or eleventh] grade student who meets or  
 49 exceeds the state-wide mastery goal level on any component of the  
 50 mastery examination, a certification of having met or exceeded such  
 51 goal level shall be made on the permanent record and the transcript of  
 52 each such student and such student shall be issued a certificate of  
 53 mastery for such component. Each tenth [or eleventh] grade student  
 54 who fails to meet the mastery goal level on each component of said  
 55 mastery examination may annually take or retake each such  
 56 component at its regular administration until such student scores at or  
 57 above each such state-wide mastery goal level or such student  
 58 graduates or reaches age twenty-one.

59 (e) No public school may require achievement of a satisfactory score  
 60 on a mastery examination, or any subsequent retest on a component of  
 61 such examination as the sole criterion of promotion or graduation."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 2	July 1, 2015	10-14n