



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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(As Introduced)

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BILL SUMMARY

- Repeals recently enacted law specifying that the achievement assessments administered in grades 3 to 8 in the 2011-2012 school year and later are not public records, and instead reinstates former law making at least 40% of the questions on each assessment that are used to compute a student's score a public record.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

The bill repeals recently enacted law specifying that the state achievement assessments for grades 3 to 8 that are administered in the 2011-2012 school year and later are not public records. This provision was enacted in Am. Sub. H.B. 153 of the 129th General Assembly (the main operating budget for the 2012-2013 biennium) and will take effect September 29, 2011. In its place, the bill reinstates former law making at least 40% of the questions on each elementary-level assessment that are used to compute a student's score a public record. However, questions needed for reuse on a future assessment are not public records and must be redacted from the tests prior to their release. The bill does not affect the Ohio Graduation Tests, which have been prohibited from public release in their entirety since 2009.¹

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	09-12-11

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¹ R.C. 3301.0711(N).