



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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BILL SUMMARY

- Prohibits public and chartered nonpublic schools from administering the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) assessments for the 2014-2015 school year.
 - Requires the Department of Education, not later than November 15, 2014, to develop and submit to the General Assembly recommendations for state achievement assessments to be administered in the 2014-2015 school year and to present its recommendations to the Education committees of the House of Representatives and Senate.
 - Requires the Controlling Board to consider the Department's recommended assessments and prohibits the administration of those assessments without Controlling Board approval.
 - Prohibits the State Board of Education, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the Department of Education from taking steps to renew the state's memorandum of understanding with PARCC upon its expiration.
 - Declares an emergency.
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CONTENT AND OPERATION

Assessment administration

The bill prohibits public schools (i.e. school districts, community schools, and STEM schools) and chartered nonpublic schools from administering any assessment developed by the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) for the 2014-2015 school year. The bill, instead, requires districts and schools

to administer for that school year assessments recommended by the Department of Education and approved by the Controlling Board.¹ (See "**Alternative assessment**," below.)

Alternative assessment

The bill requires the Department of Education, not later than November 15, 2014, to develop recommendations for assessments to be administered for the 2014-2015 school year.² The recommendations must include assessments for the same grade levels and subject areas as prescribed for the state assessments under current law. Those grade levels and subjects are shown in the table below.³

Grade	English language arts	Mathematics	Science	Social Studies	Reading	Writing
Third	X	X				
Fourth	X	X		X		
Fifth	X	X	X			
Sixth	X	X		X		
Seventh	X	X				
Eighth	X	X	X			
Tenth		X	X	X	X	X

The Department must submit these recommendations to the General Assembly and present them to the Education committees of both the House of Representatives and Senate at a public hearing. After the Department presents its recommendations, the Controlling Board must consider the recommendations for approval. The bill specifies that the recommended assessments may not be administered unless they are approved by the Controlling Board. But it does not state what happens in the case the Controlling Board does not approve an assessment.⁴

¹ Section 1.

² Section 2.

³ See R.C. 3301.0710(A)(1) and (B)(1), not in the bill.

⁴ Section 2.

PARCC memorandum of understanding

The bill prohibits the State Board of Education, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Department of Education from taking any steps to renew the state's memorandum of understanding with PARCC that was entered into in June, 2010, when the term of that memorandum expires at the end of the 2015 calendar year.⁵

Background on the PARCC assessments

According to the Department of Education website, "Ohio is among 22 states that are working as a consortium, called the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC), to develop a common set of K-12 assessments in English and math. The assessments will be anchored in what it takes to be ready for college and careers, and will be ready for states to administer during the 2014-2015 school year."⁶ Also according to the Department's website, field testing is scheduled to begin for PARCC assessments in the spring of 2014.

Presumably these assessments will replace the current state achievement assessments in English language arts and math required for students in grades three through eight and will serve as the end-of-course exams in English language arts and math for students in the tenth grade.

HISTORY

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⁵ Section 3.

⁶At the Department's home page (<http://education.ohio.gov/>), click on "Topics," then "Testing," then "Prepare for the Next Generation of Assessments," then "Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers."

