



TENNESSEE

PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION

**SPECIAL SESSION
REPORT**

FEBRUARY 5, 2021

TENNESSEE LITERACY SUCCESS ACT

- Requires districts and charter schools to create foundational literacy skills instruction plans by June 1, 2021.
- Requires K-5 students to participate in universal reading screening to identify students with reading deficiencies, at no cost to districts or schools.
- Parents will be notified in writing if child is found deficient in literacy skills.
- Districts and charter schools will have flexibility in developing these instruction plans.



TENNESSEE LEARNING LOSS REMEDIATION AND STUDENT SUCCESS ACCELERATION ACT

- Establishes learning loss remediation programs outside of regular school hours to address COVID-19 retention slide.
- Requires interventions for priority students with after-school learning mini-camps, learning loss bridge camps, and summer learning camps.
- Creates the Tennessee Accelerated Literacy and Learning Corps to provide ongoing tutoring for students throughout school year.
- Charter schools may participate, or districts can take in charter students through their programs.
- Districts may partner with community organizations to deliver these programs.



ACCOUNTABILITY AND ASSESSMENTS

- Maintains that all districts must administer in-person TCAP tests.
- Districts will need to test 80% of students to meet hold-harmless requirements.
- Districts with academic improvement may use these assessments, but negative impacts will not be considered for districts.
- Continues reporting of student outcomes.



TEACHER PAY

- Commitment of adding \$42.8 million to the BEP salary component.
- The General Assembly made their intentions known that this funding should go only to pay raises for teachers.
- Charter school educators are included in the appropriation for teacher raises.
- These funds would provide an immediate pay increase for teachers and would be retroactive to January 1, 2021.



2021 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

- Sunset Hearings in the House and Senate Government Operations Committees.
- Appointment and confirmation of the 9th Commissioner.
- State of the State Address on February 8th.
- Education and Outreach to Stakeholders.





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