



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 7011

January Session, 2025



AN ACT CONCERNING STUDENT STATE-WIDE ASSESSMENTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10-14n of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

3 (a) As used in this section, "mastery examination" means (1) (A) for
4 the school year commencing July 1, 2025, for students enrolled in grades
5 three to eight, inclusive, and (B) for the school year commencing July 1,
6 2026, and each school year thereafter, for students enrolled in grades
7 four, six and eight, an examination or examinations, approved by the
8 State Board of Education, that measures essential and grade-appropriate
9 skills in reading, writing or mathematics, (2) for students enrolled in
10 grades five, eight and eleven, an examination, approved by the State
11 Board of Education, that measures essential and grade-appropriate
12 skills in science, and (3) for students enrolled in grade eleven, a
13 nationally recognized college readiness assessment, approved by the
14 State Board of Education, that measures essential and grade-appropriate
15 skills in reading, writing and mathematics.

16 (b) (1) (A) For the school [year] years commencing July 1, 2015, [and
17 each school year thereafter] to July 1, 2025, inclusive, each student
18 enrolled in grades three to eight, inclusive, and grade eleven in any
19 public school shall, annually, take a mastery examination in reading,

20 writing and mathematics during the regular school day.

21 (B) For the school year commencing July 1, 2026, and each school year
22 thereafter, each student enrolled in grades four, six, eight and eleven in
23 any public school shall, annually, take a mastery examination in
24 reading, writing and mathematics during the regular school day.

25 (2) (A) For the school years commencing July 1, 2013, to July 1, 2017,
26 inclusive, each student enrolled in grades five, eight and ten in any
27 public school shall, annually, in March or April, take a state-wide
28 mastery examination in science during the regular school day.

29 [(3)] (B) For the school year commencing July 1, 2018, and each school
30 year thereafter, each student enrolled in grades five, eight and eleven in
31 any public school shall annually take a state-wide mastery examination
32 in science during the regular school day.

33 (c) (1) Mastery examinations, as defined in subdivision (1) of
34 subsection (a) of this section, given to students [enrolled in grades three
35 to eight, inclusive,] pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this
36 section, shall be provided by and administered under the supervision of
37 the State Board of Education.

38 (2) Mastery examinations, as defined in subdivision (2) of subsection
39 (a) of this section, given to students [enrolled in grades five, eight and
40 ten or eleven, pursuant to subdivisions (2) and (3)] pursuant to
41 subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of this section, shall be provided by and
42 administered under the supervision of the State Board of Education.

43 (3) Mastery examinations, as defined in subdivision (3) of subsection
44 (a) of this section, given to students enrolled in grade eleven, pursuant
45 to subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section, shall be paid for by
46 the State Board of Education and administered by the provider of such
47 nationally recognized college readiness assessment in accordance with
48 the provisions of the agreement between the state board and such
49 provider, pursuant to section 10-14x.

50 (d) The scores on each component of the mastery examination, as
51 defined in subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of this section, for each
52 eleventh grade student may be included on the permanent record and
53 transcript of each such student who takes such examination. For each
54 eleventh grade student who meets or exceeds the state-wide mastery
55 goal level on any component of the mastery examination, a certification
56 of having met or exceeded such goal level shall be made on the
57 permanent record and the transcript of each such student and such
58 student shall be issued a certificate of mastery for such component.

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.

62 (f) (1) For the school year commencing July 1, 2015, and each school
63 year thereafter, the scores on each component of the mastery
64 examination for students who are multilingual learners, as defined in
65 section 10-76kk, and who have been enrolled in a school in this state or
66 another state for fewer than twenty school months, shall not be used for
67 purposes of calculating the accountability index, as defined in section
68 10-223e, for a school or school district.

69 (2) For the school year commencing July 1, 2015, and each school year
70 thereafter, mastery examinations pursuant to subsection (b) of this
71 section shall be offered in the most common native language of students
72 who are multilingual learners taking such mastery examinations and
73 any additional native languages of such students when mastery
74 examinations in such native languages are developed and have been
75 approved by the United States Department of Education.

76 (g) (1) Not later than August fifteenth of each school year, the
77 Department of Education shall notify each local and regional board of
78 education of the scores of students under the jurisdiction of the board
79 on the mastery examination administered during the previous school
80 year.

81 (2) Not later than October first of each school year, each local and

82 regional board of education shall notify the parent or guardian of a
83 student who had taken the mastery examination that was administered
84 during the previous school year of such student's scores on such
85 mastery examination.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	10-14n
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