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SUMMARY

- Requires the nationally standardized assessments selected for the College and Work Ready Assessment System to include the Classic Learning Test.
- Requires each state institution of higher education to accept all nationally standardized assessments selected for the College and Work Ready Assessment System if it requires any of the assessments selected under that system for admission.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Classic Learning Test

The bill requires the Department of Education and Workforce and the Chancellor of Higher Education to select the Classic Learning Test as one of the nationally standardized assessments that may be administered under the College and Work Ready Assessment System.¹

Under the bill, if a state institution of higher education requires a nationally standardized assessment selected under law for student admissions, it must accept all assessments selected under that law. In other words, if a state institution requires the SAT for admission, under the bill, it also would have to accept the Classic Learning Test.² The bill does not specify how the assessment must be used in the admission process.

Background

Under continuing law, each school district must select one nationally standardized assessment from the system to administer to 11th grade students in the spring of each school

¹ R.C. 3301.0712(B)(1)(a).

² R.C. 3345.065.

year. Currently, the assessment options are the SAT and the ACT exams. However, a parent or guardian may elect for their student not to participate in the assessment.³

The Classic Learning Test was developed in 2015 and contains sections in verbal reasoning, grammar and writing, and quantitative reasoning. It includes reading passages from “classic and historic texts.”⁴ According to the Classic Learning Test website, 11 private colleges in Ohio accept Classic Learning Test scores.⁵

HISTORY

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³ R.C. 3301.0712(B)(1)(b).

⁴ [CLT Exam Author Bank](http://www.cltexam.com) available at: www.cltexam.com.

⁵ [CLT Partner Colleges](http://www.cltexam.com) available at: www.cltexam.com.