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An Act to Require Home Schooled Students to Take a State Standardized Accountability Test

Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: By enacting this bill, it will require all home school students to take the KPREP testing and the EOC assessments at the end of the school year. By doing so, parents/guardians, students and the Kentucky Department of Education will see if the home school students' progress in academics is corresponding to the average Kentucky school student.

Section 2: State standardized tests in Kentucky currently include KPREP, or Kentucky Performance Rating for the Educational Progress taken in May by all students in grade 3rd – 8th. Additionally, the EOC, or End of Course Assessments is taken at the end of each course in grades 9th – 12th. Both of these standardized tests let students, teachers, and parents/guardians, and the Kentucky Department of Education see how well the student is progressing in their education by the performance shown on their test.

Section 3: The purpose of this bill is to give home school students and their educators information that can inform future instruction and educational choices, by giving them a means to compare their student to students educated in the public schools. According to KRS 158.080 and KRS 156.160, subjects taught should include reading, writing, spelling, grammar, history, mathematics, and civics. Currently there is no documentation required to prove that students are progressing or being taught important material.

Section 4: Students will be tested at the school in which they are currently zoned. The KPREP and EOC Assessments are currently administrated and supervised by the Kentucky Department of Education and each school district will work with the Department of Education to administer these tests within the week of testing. Home school students will receive a letter telling them the dates they should report for testing. Make up testing dates will be provided. The penalties that apply for improper attendance documentation will apply for students not appearing for testing (HRS #6). The testing for the home school students will be funded by the Kentucky Department of Education.

Section 5: This bill will go into effect in the 2014–2015 school year.