

 <b>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Legislative Bill</b>	<b>Red   Bill # 20</b>						
	<b>Referred to Committee: Senate 2</b>						
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<b>School:</b> Greenwood HS							
<b>City:</b> Bowling Green							
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1           An act to eliminate ESL/LEP students' standardized test scores until they are proficient in English.

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

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5   Section 1: The purpose of this bill is to make state testing fair for students who do not speak nor read

6   English. This bill amends act 703 KAR 5:070 which states that LEP/ESL students are required to take all

7   portions of the state testing after their first year in Kentucky schools and will be included in the school and

8   districts participation rate. With this bill, all LEP/ ESL students' test scores will not be accounted for until

9   they get a five out of five on the ACCESS test, which measures a pupil's English proficiency. Between the

10   October and April testing periods, the students must have an important rate of half of a point on the ACCESS

11   test . The ESL/LEP will have to take the ACCESS test in both October and April, instead of only once a year.

12   The exact dates of the test will be determined by the School District.

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14   Section 2: The ACCESS test is a required test for all ESL/LEP students that measure English proficiency. ESL

15   stands for "English as a second language" and is the same thing as LEP, which stands for "limited English

16   proficiency." A student will be considered an ESL/LEP learner if they are an alien coming to live in the United

17   States that is not proficient in the English language. The improvement rate is how much they improve on

18   their score.

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20   Section 3: The Kentucky Board of Education will be the ones to enforce and rule whether or not a pupil will

21   be considered as an ESL/LEP student. ESL/LEP students' tests will not count until they are proficient at

22   English. In addition, if 80% of the ESL/LEP in a school do not meet the requirements of the ACCESS test

23   improvement rate than the school will have to send a Comprehensive Improvement Plan to the Kentucky

24   Department of Education. if the improvement plan is not upheld, then a preexisting protocol will apply.

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26   Section 4: There will be extra \$15 per student year due to the extra ACCESS test.

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28   Section 5: This bill will be enacted on August 1st 2015.