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SUMMARY

- For the 2020-2021 school year, requires school districts and schools to conduct the fall administration of the third grade English language arts assessment in November.
- Declares an emergency.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

The bill requires school districts, community schools, STEM schools, and chartered nonpublic schools that enroll students receiving a state scholarship to conduct the fall administration of the third grade English language arts assessment in November for the 2020-2021 school year.¹ The bill further specifies that the Superintendent of Public Instruction must designate the date and times for the administration of the assessment that comply with the bill.

Under continuing law, as part of the Third Grade Reading Guarantee, schools must administer diagnostic assessments in reading for grades kindergarten through two to identify students who are reading below grade level and to provide intervention services for those students prior to taking the third grade English language arts assessment. If a third grader does not take this assessment or fails to attain the required score, unless otherwise exempted, the student may not be promoted to the fourth grade. A similar guarantee applies to students attending chartered nonpublic schools with state scholarships.² Continuing law further specifies that the third grade English language arts assessment must be administered twice annually to all students in the third grade who have not attained the designated promotion score for that assessment.³ The Superintendent of Public Instruction is required to designate dates and times

¹ Section 1.

² R.C. 3301.163 and 3313.608, neither in the bill.

³ R.C. 3301.0711(B)(1), not in the bill.

for the administration of all state assessments and generally, designates the last two full weeks of October as the period for the fall administration of the third grade English language arts assessment.⁴ For the 2020-2021 school year the current designated period is from October 19 to October 30, 2020.⁵

HISTORY

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Introduced	05-19-20

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⁴ R.C. 3301.0710 (C).

⁵ <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Testing/Test-Dates/2020-2021-Test-Dates>.