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Senate Bill 1157 (Substitute S-1 as reported)  
Sponsor: Senator Buzz Thomas  
Committee: Education

### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Career and Technical Preparation Act to require a student, beginning in the 2006-2007 school year, to achieve a qualifying score on a "readiness assessment", rather than on the MEAP test, in order to participate in the career and technical preparation program.

Currently, to be an "eligible student" under the Act, a pupil must have achieved a State endorsement in all subject areas on the high school proficiency test (also known as the MEAP test). Alternatively, a student may participate if he or she achieves State endorsement in mathematics and a qualifying score on a nationally or industry-recognized job skills assessment test.

Under the bill, beginning in the 2006-2007 school year, to be eligible to participate in the program, a student would have to achieve a qualifying score in all subject areas on a readiness assessment. A student also could participate if he or she achieved a qualifying score in mathematics and a qualifying score on a nationally or industry-recognized job skills assessment test.

The bill would define "readiness assessment" as assessment instruments that were aligned with State learning standards; that were used nationally to provide high school students with an early indication of proficiency in English, math, reading, and science, and contained a comprehensive career planning program; and that were approved by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The bill is tie-barred to Senate Bills 1153 through 1156.

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### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The ACT offers a "readiness assessment" exam that would satisfy the definitional requirements laid out in the bill. This exam is called PLAN and the estimated cost is \$8.50 per scored test. If a student paid for such an exam in order to become eligible for postsecondary enrollment under this Act, there would be no cost to the district. If, however, districts chose to offer this "readiness assessment" as proposed in the bill, the cost to the districts would be \$8.50 per 10th grader.

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