TNReady or TCAPs, kick off this month's round of standardized tests, also known as the Comprehensive Assessment System for Students (TCAPs). State reading? Try a TCAP or a TNReady exam, depending on your child's grade level. TCAPs are used to evaluate student progress in grades 3-8 and high school, while TNReady is exclusive to grades 3-8.

On Thursday, April 25, at 9:00 am, the House Chamber will discuss HB1605 / SB1722, a bill that introduces the statewide school voucher program in Tennessee. The bill has been in limbo for some time but is expected to receive further consideration in this legislative session.

As introduced, HB1605 / SB1722 would provide $144 million for the voucher program, which would allow students to attend any public or private school within the state, regardless of income. The appropriation bill passed through the House and Senate, with the 2024 legislative session expected to adjourn next week.

In partnership with the 2024 Ten For Tennessee, we encourage Tennessee lawmakers to consider these proposals and make informed decisions that support education and student success.

The universal private school voucher proposal, HB1183 / SB0503, was proposed to alleviate the state's budget crisis. The proposal was scheduled to be debated on the floor of the House chamber, but was quietly removed from consideration in the Appropriations Committee. Both proposals are expected to be discussed further in the House and Senate.

The universal private school voucher debate has been ongoing in Tennessee, with the funding needed to pass and will not be considered further this year. As a result, Tennessee's lawmakers contend with the last pieces of legislative business.

Tennessee's lawmakers face the challenge of passing an appropriations bill that funds Tennessee's schools and other state agencies. The House of Representatives is the appropriating authority for state funds, and the universal private school voucher program is a priority for some lawmakers.

Even though the universal private school voucher program has been a contentious issue, Tennessee schools must respond to reports of sexual misconduct, among other incidents. These reports are part of the student response to the new Title IX regulations. The regulations will overhaul how institutions respond to reports of harassment, sexual violence, and similar matters.

The new Title IX regulations are designed to protect college and university students and employees. These new rules are expected to be fully implemented by October to November. As introduced,lijkerted, from the use of cards bearing the college or university name or logo must report the percentage received as well as the amount of such funds or percentage from the use of cards bearing the college or university name or logo.