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The 112th Tennessee General Assembly convened January 19 through January 21, 2021, to address issues facing Tennessee students and schools. In addition to three bills passed to address learning loss, accountability, and literacy, the General Assembly appropriated \$43 million for educator pay raises.

### **Senate Bill 7001 / House Bill 7003 – Accountability to Inform**

SB 7001/HB 7003 addresses accountability measures related to student assessments, teacher evaluations, school accountability, and student grading for the 2020-21 school year.

### **Senate Bill 7002 / House Bill 7004 – Learning Loss Remediation and Student Acceleration Act**

This bill requires a variety of interventions and supports for students who are below proficient in math or English language arts (ELA). It creates three programs to be implemented by school districts to address student learning loss resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic and long-time concern about student literacy, strengthens the state's retention of 3rd grade students who are not proficient in reading, and develops supports (including a statewide network of tutors) to assist students, parents, and teachers.

### **Senate Bill 7003 / House Bill 7003 – Tennessee Literacy Success Act**

This bill replaces the Tennessee Literacy Initiative Act of 1999 with the Tennessee Literacy Success Act. The legislation seeks to improve literacy rates by implementing a new framework for the state and districts to identify and assist students found to have significant reading deficiencies.

### **Senate Bill 7009 / House Bill 7020 – Appropriations for Educator Raises**

In addition to \$67 million in funding to implement the Tennessee Learning Loss Remediation and Student Acceleration Act, the General Assembly appropriated \$43 million for educator raises for the second half of the 2020-21 school year.

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