

HB 1986 -- Statewide Student Assessments

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This bill requires the State Board of Education within the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to contract for statistical analysis of each year's statewide student assessment results for patterns of unexpected increases or decreases localizable to a particular attendance center. The board will make a preliminary determination of validity, which must include the use of a program or application that detects physical signs of test tampering. The results will be shared with the relevant school superintendent and school board and reported annually at an open board meeting. Each school board is required to develop, by January 1, 2012, a written policy on employment actions taken in response to allegations of employee tampering with statewide assessment results and to any proven instance of the tampering, which may include dismissal.