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Final Five Year Review

Lawmakers request review of troubled TNReady system

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Top Republican lawmakers want the state's chief internal investigator to conduct a review of the TNReady student testing system that has been plagued by technical issues.

The call comes a week after problems stalled testing for several days in many districts, including on April 17 when the state announced a "deliberate attack" on its vendor's computer systems.

Rep. Jeremy Faison, R-Cosby, asked the Tennessee Comptroller to review the TNReady testing system, a standardized test required for most public school students. The Tennessee Department of Education has been under a performance review by the Comptroller since December.

House Speaker Beth Harwell, R-Nashville, asked Faison to request the review, which has faced ongoing online issues as high school students tried to take their exams. Most middle school and all elementary school students are taking a paper version of the test.

"We owe it to our students and parents to ensure that their personal and confidential information is not compromised, and what steps will be taken to ensure that information is not vulnerable," Harwell said in a news release.

"These assessments are important for accountability, and we need teachers, administrators, parents and students to have confidence in the integrity of the test."

The Comptroller's office has also been involved throughout some of the lead-up to last week because of the performance audit, said Sara Gast, Tennessee Department of Education spokeswoman.

She said the department's top priority is to protect student data and it has been collaborating with multiple agencies.

Tennessee Education Commissioner Candice McQueen has called for a third-party investigation into how its vendor, Questar Assessment, handled the reported attack. The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and the State Department of

Homeland Security are investigating.

"The department has worked with the Comptroller's office as we've identified a third-party vendor who will investigate the apparent cyber-attack we experienced last week," Gast said. "The Comptroller's office and the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation will be the first recipients of the final report that the independent third party produces."

Gast added: "We have regularly engaged the General Assembly as we have prepared for TNReady and informed them of how we were proactively planning for various risks that come with the online environment."

Tennessee Education Association spokesman Jim Wrye said the teacher's union supports the review, but he hopes there is a focus on how the issues last week impact student test score data.

"We would like to see less focus on why there were glitches or problems and instead what the effect is on students and if it changes test scores," Wrye said. "Some students had no problems, some had major problems. All that brings in fairness and uniformity of test data."

The review is one of a couple of actions by state lawmakers focused on TNReady.

Legislators, fed up with numerous problems

with the test over the last several years, passed emergency legislation to take away some negative ramifications for students or teachers from test scores this year.

The legislation allows local school boards the ability to determine the percentage — from 0 to 15 percent — that TNReady test scores count toward students' grades.

It prevents districts from using the test scores to decide hiring, firing, or the compensation of teachers. The state will still issue individual teacher evaluations, according to a state spokeswoman.

Districts can't be rated A-F on the state's accountability system. And the test data also can't be used to place a school this year's Priority List, which details the bottom five percent of all schools in the state.

House Democrats also called for McQueen's resignation. McQueen said she won't be resigning and Gov. Bill Haslam has issued support for her.

The commissioner has vowed to continue to work with contractor Questar Assessment to fix ongoing problems.

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The selected remedies for soils contaminated with metals, hydrocarbons and volatile organic compounds were excavation, transportation and off-site disposal, and soil vapor extraction. The selected remedies for groundwater contaminated with chlorinated volatile organic compounds were enhanced bioremediation, air sparging, natural attenuation and long term monitoring. All selected cleanup remedies have been completed or are currently operating. Areas with groundwater contamination levels above the cleanup goal remain on the Main Installation and continue to be investigated. The selected remedy for the Main Installation will be revised upon completion of the investigation, with appropriate public involvement. In addition to environmental clean-up, site-wide land-use controls have been implemented to prevent residential land use, daycare facilities, drilling and groundwater use, and to control site access.

The Fourth Five-Year Review has been approved and signed by the Department of Army and the Environmental Protection Agency. A copy of the signed document is available at the information repository located at the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation office, 8383 Wolf Lake Dr., Bartlett, TN. Please call (901) 371-3900 to make an appointment to view the document. You may also find information online at: <http://www.epa.gov/region4/superfund/sites/fedfacs/memdedpntn.html>

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Adult Diapers May No Longer Be Needed Thanks To Amazing New Pill

Clinical studies show new pill may be effective enough to replace adult diapers for bladder control; initial users show dramatic reduction in trips to the bathroom, embarrassing leaking, and nighttime urgency.

Robert Ward, Associated Health Press

AHP — Adult diaper sales are expected to plummet as results from a clinical trial on a new, patented bladder control pill have finally been released.

Sold under the brand name UriVarx™, the new pill contains key ingredients that keeps the bladder from releasing voluntarily, which reduces accidents and frequent bathroom trips.

Perhaps more impressive, it also targets the tiny muscles around the bladder, which helps the bladder to create a tighter seal.

This would explain why the average UriVarx™ user in clinical trials experiences a 66% reduction in urinary incontinence symptoms, such as day and night leaking and sudden urges to urinate.

NEW DISCOVERY IN BLADDER CONTROL

Until now, doctors believed it was impossible to strengthen the muscles that control the bladder. They are amazed to see that it can now be done with the non-prescription UriVarx™ pill.

"As you get older, and the involuntary muscles around your bladder weaken, you lose urinary control. With your bladder wall unable to properly seal, you constantly leak and feel pressure to urinate" explains Dr. Bassam Damaj of Innovus Pharmaceuticals.

"UriVarx™ targets the bladder muscles and help restores vital kidney health, reducing urgency and frequency. It also helps you "hold it" for hours so you never have to worry about embarrassing accidents ever again!"

FREEDOM FROM SUDDEN URGES AND LEAKS

Since hitting the market, sales for the patented UriVarx™ pill have soared and there are some very good reasons why.

To begin with, the double blind large clinical studies published in the clinicaltrials.gov have been impressive. Participants taking UriVarx™ saw a stunning reduction in urinary frequency, which resulted in fewer bathroom trips both day and night.

They also experienced a dramatic decrease in incontinence episodes, such as leaking and bed wetting.

The active ingredients in UriVarx™ comes from a patented formula. It is both safe and healthy. There are also no known serious side effects in its history of use.

Scientists believe that the ingredients target the muscles of the bladder to grow stronger. These muscles are responsible for keeping the bladder tightly sealed. They also help the bladder to completely empty, allowing bacteria to be flushed from the urinary tract.

Research has shown that as you get older, certain hormonal changes in the body cause these muscles to shrink and become lose. This is what causes the bladder to be over active and the resulting urine accidents and why UriVarx™ seems to be so effective in the published clinical trials.



NEW PILL MAY REPLACE DIAPERS FOR BLADDER CONTROL: This new patented clinically proven pill solution is now available nationwide

EXCITING RESULTS FROM URIVARX USERS

Many UriVarx™ users say their bladders have never been stronger. For the first time in years, they are confident and in complete control. Adult pads and diapers are no longer a big worry.

"After my third child, I couldn't control my bladder. I was running to the bathroom all the time! And once I hit my 60s it became so unpredictable I needed to wear adult pads every day" explained Marie L. of Danbury, CT.

"I was embarrassed so before going to my doctor I decided to try UriVarx and I'm so glad I did! The urgency is gone and I no longer feel like my bladder is about to explode. I can also "hold it" when I need to so I'm no longer living in constant fear of finding a bathroom."

IMPRESSIVE CLINICAL RESULTS

The exciting clinical results published on the government clinical website clinicaltrials.gov show that UriVarx™ can strengthen your bladder fast, significantly reducing the urine urgency and leaks.

In a new double-blind, placebo-controlled clinical study, 142 men and women with bladder control issues were separated into two groups. The first group was given a placebo while the other received UriVarx™.

The results were incredible. The participants who received UriVarx™ saw major improvements in leaking, pressure, and the urgency to go — all without the usual side effects seen in prescription drugs! They also reported fewer trips to the bathroom both day and night.

Overall, the UriVarx™ group experienced:

- 56% Reduction in Urge Incontinence
- 66% Reduction in Stress Incontinence
- 61% Reduction in Urgency
- 33% Reduction in Frequency
- 46% Reduction in Nighttime Bathroom Trips

Additionally, at the end of clinical trial and after seeing the results, 84% of the participants taking UriVarx™ said it significantly improved their quality of life.

"The clinical findings are incredible, but people still wonder if it will really work"

explains Dr. Bassam Damaj. "It's normal to be skeptical, but we've seen thousands of UriVarx™ users get results exactly like the participants in the study. It's an amazing product."

HOW IT WORKS

UriVarx™ is a pill that's taken just once daily. It does not require a prescription.

The active ingredients are patented natural extracts.

Research shows that as we get older, the muscles which surround the bladder weaken. This is caused by hormonal changes in the body that causes the muscles to atrophy and weaken.

When they become too small and weak, they cannot seal your bladder shut, which causes leaking, accidents, among other incontinence symptoms.

It also prevents your bladder from fully emptying, which can result in persistent bacterial infections and UTIs.

UriVarx's™ active ingredient targets the muscles around the bladder, making them stronger. Supporting ingredients in UriVarx™ support kidney function and overall urinary health.

BLADDER PROBLEMS GONE

With daily use, UriVarx™ can restore strong bladder control and help users overcome leakage without the negative side effects or interactions associated with drugs.

Leakage sufferers can now put an end to the uncontrollable urges, the embarrassing accidents, and enjoy an entirely new level of comfort and confidence.

HOW TO GET URIVARX IN Tennessee

This is the official release of UriVarx™ in Tennessee. As such, the company is offering a special discounted supply to anyone suffering from bladder issues who calls within the next 48 hours.

A special hotline number and discounted pricing has been created for all Tennessee residents. Discounts will be available starting today at 6:00AM and will automatically be applied to all callers.

Your Toll-Free Hotline number is 1-800-508-4246 and will only be open for the next 48 hours. Only a limited discounted supply of UriVarx™ is currently available in your region.

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