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Students struggle with state's reading law

Third graders face strict guidelines in Tennessee

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Susan Compton Seay remembers the day in 2023 when her son Crawford cried for hours after coming home from school.

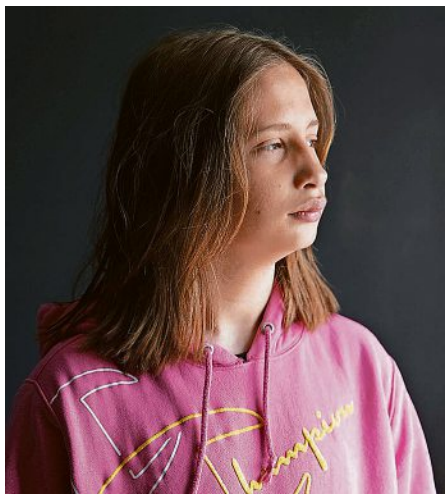
Then a third grader, the boy was handed an envelope at school to bring home. It had his test results from the English language arts section of Tennessee's standardized test. Instead of waiting for his parents, he opened it immediately and saw that he didn't pass. That put him among the first wave of public school third graders at risk of being held back under a state reading law enacted that year.

In her son's mind, Seay said, he failed the third grade.

"He was just hysterical," she said. "As a mom, that just breaks my heart."

Crawford, who mostly got As and Bs until then, understood the significance of the test because of talk among parents, school leaders and classmates. But what he didn't grasp is that he would soon be exempted from retention because of his score on a reading screener administered earlier in the school year.

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Liam Ellis, 12, was in the first class of public school third graders affected by Tennessee's controversial reading and retention law in 2023.

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Lawsuit alleges injury from monitor

Asylum-seeker says ankle device cost him his leg

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INDIANAPOLIS – A few days after immigration officials placed a GPS monitoring device on the man's left ankle, his leg started to swell. The bracelet gripped so tightly that it restricted blood flow. Discomfort escalated to pain. It kept him awake at night and made even the mundane tasks of standing and walking almost unbearable.

By the time officials finally agreed to remove the device, he said, his ankle was so swollen that his skin was peeling, and pus was seeping out.

It was too late.

His lower left leg had to be amputated, a few inches below the knee.

The father of four, who lives in Indiana, fled to the United States two years ago to seek asylum. Upon arrival, he was enrolled in a federal supervision program and legally allowed into the country for humanitarian reasons. The 51-year-old hoped for a better life for himself, his wife and their four daughters after they lost their home in Mexico.

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'I would like to ask this government not to throw us into another country. Because we're not bad people. We are good people.'

Asylum-seeker

A father of four, who worked in the construction industry, says his lower left leg had to be amputated because of an improperly attached Immigration & Customs Enforcement ankle monitor. MICHELLE PEMBERTON/INDIANAPOLIS STAR

Communities grapple with data centers

Poll: Most Americans oppose construction

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Data centers are loud, costly and wasteful – something you wouldn't want in your neighborhood, according to critics.

But supporters say these high-tech facilities are the future.

And caught in between, state and local governments across the nation are trying to figure out what to do about da-

ta centers, the huge facilities that house the physical infrastructure that powers digital services like artificial intelligence.

The resource-intensive structures are spreading across the nation, with more than 4,300 data centers already constructed, according to industry database Data Center Map. And at least one startup is experimenting with the idea of putting mini data centers directly outside homes and businesses.

And they're wildly unpopular among many Americans. Gallup survey results

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Gallup survey results found 70% of Americans oppose the construction of data centers in their communities. MARK HOFFMAN/MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL

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