

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to English language instruction;
 3 amending s. 1002.20, F.S.; providing that a student's
 4 parent has the right to request that the student be
 5 exempted from instruction in English language
 6 proficiency; amending s. 1003.56, F.S.; requiring the
 7 school district to exempt a student from participating
 8 in instruction in English language proficiency if the
 9 student's parent requests the exemption in writing;
 10 providing an effective date.

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 12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 14 Section 1. Subsection (10) of section 1002.20, Florida
 15 Statutes, is amended to read:

16 1002.20 K-12 student and parent rights.—Parents of public
 17 school students must receive accurate and timely information
 18 regarding their child's academic progress and must be informed
 19 of ways they can help their child to succeed in school. K-12
 20 students and their parents are afforded numerous statutory
 21 rights including, but not limited to, the following:

22 (10) LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENT STUDENTS.—In accordance
 23 with ~~the provisions of~~ s. 1003.56, a limited English proficient
 24 student has ~~students have~~ the right to receive ESOL (English for
 25 Speakers of Other Languages) instruction designed to develop the
 26 student's mastery of listening, speaking, reading, and writing
 27 in English as rapidly as possible, ~~and~~ The student's ~~students'~~
 28 parents have the right to be involved ~~of parental involvement~~ in

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29 | the ESOL program, and a right to request that their child be
30 | exempted from participating in the ESOL program.

31 | Section 2. Present subsection (5) of section 1003.56,
32 | Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (6) and a new
33 | subsection (5) is added to that section, to read:

34 | 1003.56 English language instruction for limited English
35 | proficient students.—

36 | (5) A school district shall exempt a student who is
37 | assessed as a limited English proficient student from
38 | participating in ESOL instruction if the student's parent
39 | requests the exemption in writing.

40 | Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.