

By Senator Soto

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to limited English proficient
3 students; amending s. 1003.56, F.S.; authorizing
4 exemption from certain state standardized assessments
5 for limited English proficient students under certain
6 circumstances; providing an effective date.

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

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10 Section 1. Present subsection (5) of section 1003.56,
11 Florida Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (6), and a new
12 subsection (5) is added to that section, to read:

13 1003.56 English language instruction for limited English
14 proficient students.—

15 (5) A limited English proficient student who has received
16 services for 2 years or less in an ESOL program operated in
17 accordance with a school district's approved English Language
18 Learner plan may be exempt from taking the FCAT, end-of-course
19 assessments, common core assessments, or any future state
20 standardized academic assessment if a majority of the student's
21 English Language Learner committee members determine that the
22 exemption is appropriate.

23 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.