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An act relating to student performance standards; amending s. 229.565, F.S.; requiring the establishment of standards in certain subject areas; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 229.565, Florida Statutes, as amended by chapter 97-2, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

229.565 Educational evaluation procedures.--

(1) STUDENT PERFORMANCE STANDARDS.--

(a) The State Board of Education shall approve student performance standards in the various program categories and chronological grade levels which the Commissioner of Education designates as necessary for maintaining a good educational system. The standards must apply, without limitation, to language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, the arts, health and physical education, ~~and~~ foreign language, reading, writing, history, government, geography, economics, and computer literacy. The commissioner shall obtain opinions and advice from citizens, educators, and members of the business community in developing the standards. For purposes of this section, the term "student performance standard" means a statement describing a skill or competency students are expected to learn.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1997.