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Representative(s) Wiles offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 10 between lines 19-20,

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Section 3. (1) The serious and often adverse consequences resulting from the sole reliance on the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) have increasingly resulted in questions and significant concerns by students, parents, teachers, and school administrators about how to ensure that the test is used appropriately and in a manner that is fair. Currently, there is no peer-reviewed, research-based determination that the FCAT is a reliable and valid instrument suitable to fairly assess students, schools, and teachers. Therefore, the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA), in consultation with the Department of Education, shall conduct a nationwide search for suitable independent research organizations to submit proposals for review of the FCAT. Based on the proposals and additional background information,

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1 OPPAGA shall recommend an organization or organizations to the
 2 Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the
 3 Senate, and the majority and minority leaders of each house of
 4 the Legislature. If no objections are made to the
 5 recommendation within 14 calendar days, OPPAGA shall proceed
 6 to contract with the recommended organization or organizations
 7 for the FCAT review.

8 (2) The FCAT review shall be guided by the principles
 9 and findings reported by the National Academy of Sciences on
 10 high stakes testing in 1999. The review shall include, but is
 11 not limited to, whether the FCAT is aligned adequately with
 12 the Sunshine State Standards; whether the test accurately and
 13 fairly measures what students have learned independent of
 14 their socioeconomic background and readiness for the subject
 15 matter being studied; whether the test can accurately reflect
 16 annual student learning gains within a school; and whether the
 17 test can accurately evaluate teacher performance.

18 (3) The Office of Program Policy Analysis and
 19 Government Accountability shall provide the Speaker of the
 20 House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, and the
 21 majority and minority leaders of each house of the Legislature
 22 with quarterly updates and a final report before March 1,
 23 2002.

24 (4) The independent review of the FCAT shall be funded
 25 by the Office of Program Analysis and Government
 26 Accountability within its appropriated funds for fiscal year
 27 2001-2002.

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31 And the title is amended as follows:

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Comprehensive Assessment Test;