

By Representative Wiles

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to student assessment; amending
 3 s. 229.57, F.S.; requiring the Department of
 4 Education and school districts to provide to
 5 parents certain information on school
 6 performance; providing requirements for
 7 individual student reports; amending s.
 8 236.08102, F.S.; correcting a cross reference;
 9 providing an effective date.

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

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13 Section 1. Subsections (11) through (16) of section
 14 229.57, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (12)
 15 through (17), respectively, and a new subsection (11) is added
 16 to said section to read:

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229.57 Student assessment program.--

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(11) NOTICE TO PARENTS.--

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(a) The Department of Education and the school

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district shall promptly provide to a parent or guardian of

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each student enrolled in an elementary, middle, or secondary

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school designated as performance grade category "D" or "F" the

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following:

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1. An explanation of what the identification means and

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how the school compares in terms of academic achievement to

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other elementary, middle, or secondary schools served by the

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school district and the department.

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2. The reasons for the identification.

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3. An explanation of what the school identified for

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school improvement is doing to address the problem of low

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achievement.

1 4. An explanation of what the school district or the
2 department is doing to help the school address the achievement
3 problem.

4 5. An explanation of how the parents or guardians can
5 become involved in addressing the academic issues that caused
6 the school to be identified for school improvement.

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8 The information shall be provided in an understandable and
9 uniform format and, to the extent practicable, in language the
10 parents or guardians can understand.

11 (b) In producing individual student reports, the
12 school district and the department shall produce interpretive,
13 descriptive, and diagnostic reports that allow parents,
14 guardians, teachers, and principals to understand and address
15 the specific academic needs of students and shall include
16 information regarding achievement on academic assessments
17 aligned with the Sunshine State Standards. These reports shall
18 be provided to parents, guardians, teachers, and principals as
19 soon as possible after the assessment is given, in an
20 understandable and uniform format and, to the extent
21 practicable, in language that parents or guardians can
22 understand.

23 Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
24 236.08102, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

25 236.08102 School district minimum classroom
26 expenditure requirements.--

27 (2) For the purpose of implementing the provisions of
28 this section, the Legislature shall prescribe minimum academic
29 performance standards and minimum classroom expenditure
30 requirements for districts not meeting such minimum academic
31 performance standards in the General Appropriations Act.

1 (a) Minimum academic performance standards may be
2 based on, but are not limited to, district performance grades
3 determined pursuant to s. 229.57(17)~~(16)~~.

4 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002.

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7 HOUSE SUMMARY

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9 With respect to the student assessment program in the
10 public schools, requires the Department of Education and
11 school districts to provide to parents certain
12 information on school performance. Provides requirements
13 for individual student reports.
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