

By Senator Fasano

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to school districts; requiring
3 the Department of Education to implement a
4 mandate reduction program; providing for school
5 districts that meet certain goals established
6 by the department to be granted an exemption
7 from state-mandated requirements identified by
8 the department and approved by the Legislature;
9 requiring the department to adopt rules;
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. The Department of Education shall develop
15 and implement a mandate reduction program for school districts
16 that meet designated goals and criteria established by the
17 department concerning cost savings and fiscal responsibility.
18 With prior approval of the Legislature, if a school district
19 meets the designated goals and criteria established by the
20 department, the school district shall be granted an exemption
21 from state-mandated requirements identified by the department.
22 The Department of Education shall adopt rules to administer
23 this section.

24 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.

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27 SENATE SUMMARY

28 Requires the Department of Education to implement a
29 mandate reduction program to grant any school district an
30 exemption from certain state mandates if the district
31 meets goals for fiscal responsibility established by the
32 department. Requires the department to adopt rules.