

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to student assessment; amending s.
 3 1008.22, F.S.; authorizing the SAT and the ACT as
 4 alternate assessments for the grade 10 FCAT for
 5 students entering a Florida public school in grade 11
 6 or grade 12 and for students who have exhausted all
 7 attempts to pass the grade 10 FCAT by the end of the
 8 regular grade 12 school year; deleting obsolete
 9 language; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (9) of section 1008.22, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1008.22 Student assessment program for public schools.--

(9) EQUIVALENCIES FOR STANDARDIZED TESTS.--Any student who enters a Florida public school at the eleventh grade or the twelfth grade or any student who has exhausted all of his or her attempts to pass the grade 10 FCAT by the end of the regular twelfth grade school year and ~~The Commissioner of Education shall determine the comparable validity of other available standardized tests, including the SAT, ACT, College Placement Test, PSAT, PLAN, and tests used for entry into the military. If such tests are deemed to be valid and reliable measures, the commissioner shall approve the use of such tests as alternate assessments to the grade 10 FCAT for the 2002-2003 school year. Students who attains ~~attain~~ scores on the SAT or the ACT that are concordant with ~~equates to~~ the passing scores on the grade 10~~

29 | FCAT for purposes of high school graduation ~~on any of the~~
30 | ~~approved alternative assessments~~ shall satisfy the assessment
31 | requirement for a standard high school diploma as provided in s.
32 | 1003.429(5)(a) or s. 1003.43(5)(a) ~~for the 2002-2003 school year~~
33 | ~~graduating class. Prior to the application of these alternative~~
34 | ~~assessments in subsequent school years, the Legislature shall~~
35 | ~~review the continued use of these alternative tests.~~

36 | Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.