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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the student assessment  
3           program for public schools; amending s.  
4           1008.22, F.S.; deleting dates that limit the  
5           applicability of the use of alternative  
6           assessments in lieu of the grade 10 FCAT;  
7           deleting dates by which the Legislature must  
8           review the use of such alternative assessments;  
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. Subsection (9) of section 1008.22, Florida  
14 Statutes, is amended to read:15           1008.22 Student assessment program for public  
16 schools.--17           (9) EQUIVALENCIES FOR STANDARDIZED TESTS.--The  
18 Commissioner of Education shall determine the comparable  
19 validity of other available standardized tests, including the  
20 SAT, ACT, College Placement Test, PSAT, PLAN, and tests used  
21 for entry into the military. If such tests are deemed to be  
22 valid and reliable measures, the commissioner shall approve  
23 the use of such tests as alternative ~~alternate~~ assessments to  
24 the grade 10 FCAT ~~for the 2002-2003 school year~~. Students who  
25 attain scores that equate to the passing scores on the grade  
26 10 FCAT for purposes of high school graduation on any of the  
27 approved alternative assessments shall satisfy the assessment  
28 requirement for a standard high school diploma as provided in  
29 s. 1003.43(5)(a) ~~for the 2002-2003 school year graduating~~  
30 ~~class. Prior to the application of these alternative~~

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1 ~~assessments in subsequent school years,~~The Legislature shall  
2 review the continued use of these alternative tests.

3 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
4 law.

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7 SENATE SUMMARY

8 With respect to the student assessment program for public  
9 schools, deletes dates that limit to the 2002-2003 school  
10 year and the 2002-2003 graduating class the applicability  
11 of the use of alternative assessments in lieu of the  
12 grade 10 FCAT. Deletes a provision prohibiting the use of  
13 alternative tests after the 2002-2003 school year unless  
14 the Legislature has reviewed those assessments.  
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