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23 requirements.--

(1) Students who enter a Florida public school at the eleventh or twelfth grade from out of state or from a foreign country shall not be required to spend additional time in a Florida public school in order to meet the high school course requirements if the student has met all requirements of the school district, state, or country from which he or she is transferring. Such students who are not proficient in English should receive immediate and intensive instruction in English

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1 language acquisition. However, to receive a standard high 2 school diploma, a transfer student must: 3 (a) Earn a 2.0 grade point average; and (b) Pass the grade 10 FCAT required in s. 1008.22(3), 4 5 if the student is an eleventh grade student; or б (c) Beginning in the 2004-2005 school year, attain 7 scores on the SAT or ACT which equate to the passing scores on the grade 10 FCAT, if the student is a twelfth grade student 8 9 an alternate assessment as described in s. 1008.22(9). Section 3. Section 1008.301, Florida Statutes, as 10 created by section 2 of chapter 2003-80, Laws of Florida, is 11 12 repealed. Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a 13 14 law. 15 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR Senate Bill 332 and 1912 and 2678 16 17 18 The CS allows students who take but do not pass the 10th grade FCAT after a total of three times to use their SAT or ACT scores to satisfy the assessment requirement for graduating from high school this school year. 19 20 21 The CS also allows passage of the ACT or SAT in lieu of the 10th grade FCAT for twelfth grade transfer students, beginning in the 2004-2005 school year. 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

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