

1 ~~deemed to be valid and reliable measures, the commissioner~~
 2 ~~shall~~ approve the use of the SAT and ACT ~~such~~ tests as
 3 alternative alternate assessments to the grade 10 FCAT for the
 4 2003-2004 ~~2002-2003~~ school year. Students who attain scores on
 5 the SAT or ACT which ~~that~~ equate to the passing scores on the
 6 grade 10 FCAT for purposes of high school graduation ~~on any of~~
 7 ~~the approved alternative assessments~~ shall satisfy the
 8 assessment requirement for a standard high school diploma as
 9 provided in s. 1003.43(5)(a) for the 2003-2004 ~~2002-2003~~
 10 school year graduating class if the students meet the
 11 requirement in paragraph (b). ~~Prior to the application of~~
 12 ~~these alternative assessments in subsequent school years, the~~
 13 ~~Legislature shall review the continued use of these~~
 14 ~~alternative tests.~~

15 (b) A student must take the grade 10 FCAT for a total
 16 of three times without earning a passing score in order to use
 17 the scores on the alternative assessments in paragraph (a).

18 Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 1003.433, Florida
 19 Statutes, is amended to read:

20 1003.433 Learning opportunities for out-of-state and
 21 out-of-country transfer students and students needing
 22 additional instruction to meet high school graduation
 23 requirements.--

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

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
4 (b) Pass the grade 10 FCAT required in s. 1008.22(3),
5 if the student is an eleventh grade student; or
6 (c) Beginning in the 2003-2004 school year, attain
7 scores on the SAT or ACT which equate to the passing scores on
8 the grade 10 FCAT, if the student is a twelfth grade student
9 an alternate assessment as described in s. 1008.22(9).
10 Section 3. Section 1008.301, Florida Statutes, as
11 created by section 2 of chapter 2003-80, Laws of Florida, is
12 repealed.
13 Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
14 law.
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