1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to student assessments for
3	<pre>public schools; amending s. 1008.22, F.S.;</pre>
4	delaying the date by which the Commissioner of
5	Education must approve the use of specified
б	standardized tests as an alternative to the
7	grade 10 Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test
8	(FCAT); allowing passage of the alternative
9	tests to satisfy the assessment requirement for
10	students graduating from high school in the
11	2003-2004 school year, subject to certain
12	conditions; amending s. 1003.433, F.S.;
13	allowing passage of alternate assessments in
14	lieu of the grade 10 FCAT for certain transfer
15	students subject to certain conditions
16	beginning in the 2004-2005 school year;
17	repealing s. 1008.301, F.S., relating to
18	concordance studies by the State Board of
19	Education; providing an effective date.
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21	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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23	Section 1. Subsection (9) of section 1008.22, Florida
24	Statutes, is amended to read:
25	1008.22 Student assessment program for public
26	schools
27	(9) EQUIVALENCIES FOR STANDARDIZED TESTS
28	(a) The Commissioner of Education shall determine the
29	comparable validity of other available standardized tests,
30	including the SAT, ACT, College Placement Test, PSAT, PLAN,
31	and tests used for entry into the military. If such tests are

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deemed to be valid and reliable measures, the commissioner 1 2 shall approve the use of the SAT and ACT such tests as alternative alternate assessments to the grade 10 FCAT for the 3 2003-2004 2002 2003 school year. Students who attain scores on 4 the SAT or ACT which that equate to the passing scores on the 5 б 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 school year graduating class if the students meet the 10 requirement in paragraph (b). Prior to the application of 11 12 these alternative assessments in subsequent school years, the 13 Legislature shall review the continued use of these 14 alternative tests. (b) A student must take the grade 10 FCAT for a total 15 of three times without earning a passing score in order to use 16 the scores on the alternative assessments in paragraph (a). 17 18 Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 1003.433, Florida 19 Statutes, is amended to read: 1003.433 Learning opportunities for out-of-state and 20 out-of-country transfer students and students needing 21 22 additional instruction to meet high school graduation 23 requirements. --24 (1) Students who enter a Florida public school at the eleventh or twelfth grade from out of state or from a foreign 25 country shall not be required to spend additional time in a 26 Florida public school in order to meet the high school course 27 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 should receive immediate and intensive instruction in English 31

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language acquisition. However, to receive a standard high school diploma, a transfer student must: (a) Earn a 2.0 grade point average; and (b) Pass the grade 10 FCAT required in s. 1008.22(3), if the student is an eleventh grade student; or б (c) Beginning in the 2003-2004 school year, attain 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 an alternate assessment as described in s. 1008.22(9). Section 3. Section 1008.301, Florida Statutes, as created by section 2 of chapter 2003-80, Laws of Florida, is repealed. Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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