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The Committee on Education Appropriations (Wise) recommended the following **amendment to amendment** (073776):

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

On page 47, line 21, through page 49, line 11, delete those lines

and insert:

(h) Identify all nationally norm-referenced tests that are comparable to the norm-referenced test portions of the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT).

(i) Select an independent private research organization to which participating private schools must report the scores of participating students on the nationally norm-referenced tests administered by the private school. The independent private research organization must annually report to the Department of Education on the year-to-year improvements of participating students; must analyze and report student performance data in a manner that protects the rights of students and parents as mandated in 20 U.S.C. s. 1232g; and must not disaggregate data to a level that will

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1 disclose the academic level of individual students or of  
2 individual schools. To the extent possible, the organization  
3 must accumulate historical performance data on students from  
4 the Department of Education and private schools to describe  
5 baseline performance and conduct longitudinal studies. To  
6 minimize costs and reduce time required for third-party  
7 analysis and evaluation, the Department of Education shall  
8 conduct analyses of matched students from public school  
9 assessment data and calculate control group learning gains  
10 using an agreed-upon methodology outlined in the contract with  
11 the third-party evaluator. The sharing of student data must be  
12 in accordance with 20 U.S.C. 1232g, and shall be for the sole  
13 purpose of conducting the evaluation. All parties must  
14 preserve the confidentiality of such information as required  
15 by law.

16 (j) The Department of Education shall conduct an  
17 investigation of any written complaint of a violation of this  
18 section if the complaint is signed by the complainant and is  
19 legally sufficient. A complaint is legally sufficient if it  
20 contains ultimate facts that show that a violation of this  
21 section or any rule adopted by the State Board of Education  
22 has occurred. In order to determine legal sufficiency, the  
23 Department of Education may require supporting information or  
24 documentation. The Department of Education may investigate any  
25 complaint, including, but not limited to, anonymous  
26 complaints.

27 (k) Revoke the eligibility of a nonprofit  
28 scholarship-funding organization, private school, or student  
29 to participate in the program for noncompliance with this  
30 section.

31 (l) Annually report, by December 15, to the Governor,

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1 the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
 2 Representatives the Department of Education's actions with  
 3 respect to implementing accountability in the scholarship  
 4 program under this section, including, but not limited to, any  
 5 substantiated allegations or violations of law or rule by an  
 6 eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding organization or  
 7 eligible private school under this program and the corrective  
 8 action taken by the Department of Education.

9       (m) Review and verify the results of the background  
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13 And the title is amended as follows:

14           On page 61, lines 27 through 31, delete those lines  
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16 and insert:

17           audits; requiring the Department of Education  
 18           to select a private research organization to  
 19           analyze student performance data; providing  
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