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The Committee on Government Efficiency Appropriations  
(Haridopolos) recommended the following amendment:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

On page 56, line 7, through  
page 57, line 13, 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. The independent  
private research organization 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, the

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1 Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, and may not  
2 disaggregate data to a level that will disclose the academic  
3 level of individual students or of individual schools. To the  
4 extent possible, the independent private research organization  
5 must accumulate historical performance data on students from  
6 the Department of Education and private schools to describe  
7 baseline performance and to conduct longitudinal studies. To  
8 minimize costs and reduce time required for third-party  
9 analysis and evaluation, the Department of Education shall  
10 conduct analyses of matched students from public school  
11 assessment data and calculate control group learning gains  
12 using an agreed-upon methodology outlined in the contract with  
13 the third-party evaluator. The sharing of student data must be  
14 in accordance with requirements of 20 U.S.C. 1232g, the Family  
15 Educational Rights and Privacy Act, and is for the sole  
16 purpose of conducting the evaluation. All parties must  
17 preserve the confidentiality of such information as required  
18 by law.

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

30       (k) Revoke the eligibility of a nonprofit  
31 scholarship-funding organization, private school, or student

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1 to participate in the program for noncompliance with this  
2 section.

3 (1) Annually report, by December 15, to the Governor,  
4 the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
5 Representatives the Department of Education's actions with  
6 respect to implementing accountability in the scholarship  
7 program under this section, including, but not limited to, any  
8 substantiated allegations or violations of law or rule by an  
9 eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding organization or  
10 eligible private school under this program and the corrective  
11 action taken by the Department of Education.

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14 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

15 And the title is amended as follows:

16 On page 10, line 5, delete that line

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18 and insert:

19 to select a private research organization to  
20 analyze student performance data; providing

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