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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to private schools; amending s. 1002.42, F.S.; providing that earning passing scores on the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) or, in specified circumstances, on an equivalent standardized test is a prerequisite to receiving a high school diploma from a private school in this state; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Present subsections (7), (8), (9), (10), (11), (12), (13), (14), and (15) of section 1002.42, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (8), (9), (10), (11), (12), (13), (14), (15), and (16), respectively, and a new subsection (7) is added to that section, to read:

1002.42 Private schools.--

(7) TEST REQUIREMENTS.--Notwithstanding paragraph (2)(h), in order to receive a high school diploma from a private school in this state, a student must earn passing scores on the FCAT, as defined in s. 1088.22(3)(c), or scores on a standardized test which are concordant with passing scores on the FCAT as defined in s. 1008.22(9).

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.

SENATE SUMMARY

Provides that earning passing scores on the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) or, in specified circumstances, on an equivalent standardized test is a prerequisite to receiving a high school diploma from a private school in this state.