

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to student assessment; amending s.
 3 1008.22, F.S.; requiring the Department of Education to
 4 conduct concordance studies to determine FCAT
 5 equivalencies for high school graduation; deleting a
 6 limitation on the use of alternative assessments for the
 7 grade 10 FCAT; requiring the department to conduct a
 8 concordance study to identify alternative examinations for
 9 the grade 10 FCAT for students with limited English
 10 proficiency; providing an effective date.

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

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 14 Section 1. Subsection (9) of section 1008.22, Florida
 15 Statutes, is amended to read:

16 1008.22 Student assessment program for public schools.--

17 (9) EQUIVALENCIES FOR STANDARDIZED TESTS.--

18 (a) The Department of Education shall conduct concordance
 19 studies, as necessary, to determine scores on the SAT and the
 20 ACT equivalent to those required on the FCAT for high school
 21 graduation pursuant to s. 1003.429(6)(a) or s. 1003.43(5)(a).

22 (b)1.~~(a)~~ The Commissioner of Education shall approve the
 23 use of the SAT and ACT tests as alternative assessments to the
 24 grade 10 FCAT ~~for the 2003-2004 school year~~. Students who attain
 25 scores on the SAT or ACT which equate to the passing scores on
 26 the grade 10 FCAT for purposes of high school graduation shall
 27 satisfy the assessment requirement for a standard high school
 28 diploma as provided in s. 1003.429(6)(a) or s. 1003.43(5)(a) ~~for~~

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29 ~~the 2003-2004 school year~~ if the students meet the requirement
30 in subparagraph 2 ~~paragraph (b)~~.

31 2.(b) A student shall be required to take the grade 10
32 FCAT a total of three times without earning a passing score in
33 order to use the scores on an alternative assessment pursuant to
34 subparagraph 1 ~~paragraph (a)~~. This requirement shall not apply
35 to a student who is a new student to the public school system in
36 grade 12.

37 (c) The Department of Education shall conduct a
38 concordance study to identify alternative examinations for the
39 grade 10 FCAT for students with limited English proficiency.

40 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.