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See HB

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to public school assessment and

3 accountability; creating s. 1008.365, F.S.;

4 creating the Total Local Control and

5 Accountability Pilot Project; providing for

6 exemption from certain statutes and requiring

7 development and implementation of local

8 assessment and accountability programs;

9 providing for Department of Education selection

10 and State Board of Education approval of school

11 district participants; requiring reporting;

12 providing an effective date.

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

16 Section 1. Section 1008.365, Florida Statutes, is
17 created to read:

18 1008.365 Total Local Control and Accountability Pilot
19 Project.--

20 (1) The Legislature recognizes that assessment and
 21 accountability measures to improve school and student
 22 performance may be better addressed at the local level by
 23 school districts than at the state level. With this in mind,
 24 there is created the Total Local Control and Accountability
 25 Pilot Project to allow up to three school districts to be
 26 exempt from many of the assessment and accountability
 27 provisions of this chapter. Specifically, school districts
 28 selected for the pilot project shall be exempt from ss.
 29 1008.22, 1008.25, 1008.31, 1008.32, 1008.33, 1008.34,
 30 1008.341, 1008.345, and 1008.36. In exchange, each selected
 31 school district shall be responsible for developing and

1 implementing its own assessment and accountability program to
2 improve school and student performance and provide a means by
3 which to measure improvement.

4 (2) School districts shall volunteer to participate in
5 the pilot project by submitting to the Department of Education
6 a local assessment and accountability program proposal. The
7 department shall select, and submit to the State Board of
8 Education for approval, up to three school districts for
9 participation in the pilot project: one in a county with a
10 population of 1 million or more residents; one in a county
11 with a population of 250,000 to 999,999 residents; and one in
12 a county with a population of under 250,000 residents. School
13 districts selected for the pilot project must represent
14 different geographic regions of the state: north, central, and
15 south. The state board may not deny approval of a local
16 assessment and accountability program proposal unless it finds
17 that the local assessment and accountability program is likely
18 to result in a decrease in school and student performance as
19 measured under the current state assessment and accountability
20 system under this chapter.

21 (3) The pilot project shall commence at the beginning
22 of the 2007-2008 school year and conclude at the end of the
23 2009-2010 school year.

24 (4) Each school district participating in the pilot
25 project shall submit an annual report on the progress and
26 results of its local assessment and accountability program to
27 the Governor, the State Board of Education, the President of
28 the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by
29 June 1 of each year it participates in the pilot project.

30 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.
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