

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to concordant assessment scores for the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test; amending s. 1008.22, F.S.; providing that certain concordant subject area scores satisfy various assessment requirements concerning graduation from high school; exempting a student who attains a concordant subject area score from taking the FCAT in that subject area; amending s. 1003.429, F.S.; providing for the retention of a student in the accelerated 3-year graduation option who achieves a certain concordant score; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (9) of section 1008.22, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1008.22 Student assessment program for public schools.--

(9) CONCORDANT SCORES FOR THE FCAT.--

(b) ~~In order to use~~ A student who attains a concordant subject area score pursuant to this subsection satisfies ~~to satisfy~~ the assessment requirement in that subject area for a standard high school diploma ~~as provided~~ in s. 1003.429(6)(a), s. 1003.43(5)(a), or s. 1003.428 and, notwithstanding any other law, may not be required to take the FCAT in that subject area. ~~a student must take each subject area of the grade 10 FCAT a total of three times without earning a passing score. The requirements of this paragraph shall not apply to a new student who enters the Florida public school system in grade 12, who may~~

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29 ~~either achieve a passing score on the FCAT or use an approved~~
30 ~~subject area concordant score to fulfill the graduation~~
31 ~~requirement.~~

32 Section 2. Subsection (8) of section 1003.429, Florida
33 Statutes, is amended to read:

34 1003.429 Accelerated high school graduation options.--

35 (8) A student who selected one of the accelerated 3-year
36 graduation options shall automatically move to the 4-year
37 program set forth in s. 1003.43 if the student:

38 (a) Exercises his or her right to change to the 4-year
39 program;

40 (b) Fails to earn 5 credits by the end of grade 9 or fails
41 to earn 11 credits by the end of grade 10;

42 (c) Does not attain ~~achieve~~ a score of 3 or higher on the
43 grade 10 FCAT Writing assessment or a concordant score as
44 described in s. 1008.22(9); or

45 (d) By the end of grade 11 does not meet the requirements
46 of subsections (1) and (6).

47 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.