

Bill No. SB 292



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CHAMBER ACTION

<u>Senate</u>	.	<u>House</u>
Comm: RCS	.	
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1 The Committee on Education Pre-K - 12 (Wilson) recommended the
 2 following **amendment**:

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 4 **Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

5 Between line(s) 379 and 380

6 insert:

7 Section 7. Subsection (1) of section 1003.621, Florida
 8 Statutes, is amended to read:

9 1003.621 Academically high-performing school
 10 districts.--It is the intent of the Legislature to recognize and
 11 reward school districts that demonstrate the ability to
 12 consistently maintain or improve their high-performing status.
 13 The purpose of this section is to provide high-performing school
 14 districts with flexibility in meeting the specific requirements
 15 in statute and rules of the State Board of Education.

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16 (1) ACADEMICALLY HIGH-PERFORMING SCHOOL DISTRICT.--

17 (a) A school district is an academically high-performing
18 school district if it meets the following criteria:

19 1.a. Beginning with the 2004-2005 school year, is
20 designated as making excellent progress ~~earns a grade of "A"~~
21 under s. 1008.34(7) for 2 consecutive years; and

22 b. Has no district-operated school that is designated as
23 failing to make adequate progress ~~earns a grade of "F"~~ under s.
24 1008.34;

25 2. Complies with all class size requirements in s. 1, Art.
26 IX of the State Constitution and s. 1003.03; and

27 3. Has no material weaknesses or instances of material
28 noncompliance noted in the annual financial audit conducted
29 pursuant to s. 218.39.

30 (b) Each school district that satisfies the eligibility
31 criteria in this subsection shall be designated by the State
32 Board of Education as an academically high-performing school
33 district. With the exception of the statutes listed in
34 subsection (2), upon designation as an academically high-
35 performing school district, each such district is exempt from
36 the provisions in chapters 1000-1013 which pertain to school
37 districts and rules of the State Board of Education which
38 implement these exempt provisions. This exemption remains in
39 effect during the time of the designation if the district
40 continues to meet all eligibility criteria.

41 (c) The academically high-performing school district shall
42 retain the designation as a high-performing school district for
43 3 years, at the end of which time the district may renew the



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44 designation if the district meets the requirements in this
45 section. A school district that fails to meet the requirements
46 in this section shall provide written notification to the State
47 Board of Education that the district is no longer eligible to be
48 designated as an academically high-performing school district.

49 (d) In order to maintain the designation as an
50 academically high-performing school district pursuant to this
51 section, a school district must meet the following requirements:

52 1. Comply with the provisions of subparagraphs (a) 2. and
53 3.; and

54 2. Earn a designation as making excellent progress ~~grade~~
55 ~~of "A"~~ under s. 1008.34(7) for 2 years within a 3-year period.

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57 However, a district in which a district-operated school is
58 designated as failing to make adequate progress ~~earns a grade of~~
59 ~~"F"~~ under s. 1008.34 during the 3-year period may not continue
60 to be designated as an academically high-performing school
61 district during the remainder of that 3-year period. The
62 district must meet the criteria in paragraph (a) in order to be
63 redesignated as an academically high-performing school district.

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

66 And the title is amended as follows:

67 Delete line(s) 7

68 and insert:

69 1001.42, 1002.33, 1002.38, 1002.415, 1003.62, 1003.621,
70 1008.33,