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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to educational assessment; providing
3 for discontinuation at the end of the 2008-2009 school
4 year of the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test in
5 science administered to students in grade 11;
6 requiring the science assessment administered at the
7 high school level to be one or more end-of-course
8 examinations; specifying requirements for an end-of-
9 course examination; providing an effective date.

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

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13 Section 1. Notwithstanding s. 1008.22, Florida Statutes, or
14 any other provision of the law to the contrary, the Florida
15 Comprehensive Assessment Test in science administered to
16 students in grade 11 shall be discontinued at the end of the
17 2008-2009 school year. Beginning with the 2009-2010 school year,
18 the science assessment administered at the high school level
19 shall be one or more end-of-course examinations. The
20 Commissioner of Education shall select one or more nationally
21 developed comprehensive assessments for use as end-of-course
22 examinations. An end-of-course examination must be rigorous and
23 standardized, approved by the State Board of Education, and
24 administered statewide. The content knowledge and skills
25 assessed by an end-of-course examination must be aligned to the
26 core curricular content established in the Sunshine State
27 Standards.

28 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.