

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