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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to student assessment in the public
3 schools; providing that the Florida Comprehensive
4 Assessment Test (FCAT) shall be discontinued;
5 requiring the High School Competency Test (HSCT) to
6 replace the grade 10 FCAT; requiring a student to earn
7 passing scores on the HSCT to qualify for a standard
8 high school diploma; requiring the State Board of
9 Education to designate passing scores; providing for
10 implementation beginning with the 2013-2014 school
11 year; providing an effective date.

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

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15 Section 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the
16 contrary, beginning with the 2013-2014 school year:

17 (1) The Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) shall
18 be discontinued and shall not be administered to public school
19 students.

20 (2) The High School Competency Test (HSCT) shall replace
21 the grade 10 FCAT. Students must earn passing scores on both the
22 communications skills section and the mathematical skills
23 section of the HSCT to qualify for a standard high school
24 diploma.

25 (3) The State Board of Education shall designate a passing
26 score for each section of the HSCT. If a passing score is raised
27 by the State Board of Education, the passing score shall apply
28 only to students taking the HSCT for the first time after such
29 designation.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.