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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; requiring
 5 the High School Competency Test (HSCT) to replace the
 6 grade 10 FCAT; requiring a student to earn passing scores
 7 on the HSCT to qualify for a standard high school diploma;
 8 requiring the State Board of Education to designate
 9 passing scores; providing for implementation beginning
 10 with the 2013-2014 school year; providing an effective
 11 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

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28 | only to students taking the HSCT for the first time after such
29 | designation.

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