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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to school improvement plans; amending
3 s. 1001.42, F.S.; requiring a template for use by a
4 public school in preparing its school improvement
5 plan; providing requirements for completion of the
6 plan; providing an effective date.

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

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10 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (18) of section
11 1001.42, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

12 1001.42 Powers and duties of district school board.—The
13 district school board, acting as a board, shall exercise all
14 powers and perform all duties listed below:

15 (18) IMPLEMENT SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY.—
16 Maintain a state system of school improvement and education
17 accountability as provided by statute and State Board of
18 Education rule. This system of school improvement and education
19 accountability shall be consistent with, and implemented
20 through, the district's continuing system of planning and
21 budgeting required by this section and ss. 1008.385, 1010.01,
22 and 1011.01. This system of school improvement and education
23 accountability shall comply with the provisions of ss. 1008.33,
24 1008.34, 1008.345, and 1008.385 and include the following:

25 (a) *School improvement plans*.—The district school board
26 shall annually approve and require implementation of a new,
27 amended, or continuation school improvement plan for each school
28 in the district. If a school has a significant gap in
29 achievement on statewide assessments pursuant to s.

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30 1008.34(3)(b) by one or more student subgroups, as defined in
31 the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), 20
32 U.S.C. s. 6311(b)(2)(C)(v)(II); has not significantly decreased
33 the percentage of students scoring below satisfactory on
34 statewide assessments; or has significantly lower graduation
35 rates for a subgroup when compared to the state's graduation
36 rate, that school's improvement plan shall include strategies
37 for improving these results. The state board shall adopt rules
38 establishing thresholds and methods for determining compliance
39 with this paragraph, including a template for the school
40 improvement plan. The template, which shall be in an easy-to-
41 read format and may not exceed 1 page per subject area in the
42 plan and 10 pages in total, shall be provided annually to school
43 districts by July 1. A school shall have at least 60 days after
44 receiving its school grade and all data related to the school's
45 academic performance for the most recently completed school year
46 to complete the school improvement plan. The school improvement
47 plan shall identify school goals by subject area and strategies
48 to achieve those goals.

49 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.