By Senator Soto

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the State Board of Education; amending s. 1001.02, F.S.; requiring the State Board of Education to adopt rules in writing before implementing a new statute or program, changing rules for an existing program, or amending written technical assistance papers; providing an effective date.

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

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Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 1001.02, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1001.02 General powers of State Board of Education.-

(1) The State Board of Education is the chief implementing and coordinating body of public education in Florida except for the State University System, and it shall focus on high-level policy decisions. It may has authority to adopt rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement the provisions of law conferring duties upon it for the improvement of the state system of K-20 public education except for the State University System. The State Board of Education must adopt rules in writing at least 30 days before implementing a new statute or program, changing rules governing an existing program, or amending a written technical assistance paper created by the department. Except as otherwise provided herein, it may, as it finds appropriate, delegate its general powers to the Commissioner of Education or the directors of the divisions of the department.

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