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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to students with limited English
3 proficiency; amending s. 1003.56, F.S.; authorizing
4 exemption from certain state standardized assessments
5 up to a specified period if certain conditions are
6 met; 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. Subsection (5) of section 1003.56, Florida
11 Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (6), and a new subsection
12 (5) is added to that section to read:

13 1003.56 English language instruction for limited English
14 proficient students.—

15 (5) A student with limited English proficiency who has
16 received services for 2 years or less in an ESOL program
17 operated in accordance with an approved school district English
18 language learner plan may be exempt from taking the FCAT, end-
19 of-course assessments, common core state standards assessments,
20 or any future state standardized academic assessment if a
21 majority of the student's English language learner committee
22 determines that it is appropriate.

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