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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to English language instruction;  
3           amending s. 1002.20, F.S.; providing that a student's  
4           parent has the right to request that the student be  
5           exempted from instruction in English language  
6           proficiency; amending s. 1003.56, F.S.; requiring the  
7           school district to exempt a student from participating  
8           in instruction in English language proficiency if the  
9           student's parent requests the exemption in writing;  
10          providing an effective date.

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

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14           Section 1. Subsection (10) of section 1002.20, Florida  
15 Statutes, is amended to read:

16           1002.20 K-12 student and parent rights.—Parents of public  
17 school students must receive accurate and timely information  
18 regarding their child's academic progress and must be informed  
19 of ways they can help their child to succeed in school. K-12  
20 students and their parents are afforded numerous statutory  
21 rights including, but not limited to, the following:

22           (10) LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENT STUDENTS.—In accordance  
23 with ~~the provisions of~~ s. 1003.56, a limited English proficient  
24 student has ~~students have~~ the right to receive ESOL (English for  
25 Speakers of Other Languages) instruction designed to develop the  
26 student's mastery of listening, speaking, reading, and writing  
27 in English as rapidly as possible, ~~and~~ The student's ~~students'~~  
28 parents have the right to be involved ~~of parental involvement~~ in  
29 the ESOL program, and a right to request that their child be

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30 exempted from participating in the ESOL program.

31 Section 2. Present subsection (5) of section 1003.56,  
32 Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (6) and a new  
33 subsection (5) is added to that section, to read:

34 1003.56 English language instruction for limited English  
35 proficient students.—

36 (5) A school district shall exempt a student who is  
37 assessed as a limited English proficient student from  
38 participating in ESOL instruction if the student's parent  
39 requests the exemption in writing.

40 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.