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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to public school curricular standards
3 and assessments; prohibiting the State Board of
4 Education from continuing to implement the common core
5 standards until certain requirements are met;
6 providing requirements for the adoption or revision of
7 curricular standards; requiring the state to withdraw
8 from the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for
9 College and Careers; prohibiting the state from
10 implementing assessments aligned to common core
11 standards by the partnership; requiring the state to
12 adopt and implement new assessments; prohibiting the
13 state board from entering into certain agreements;
14 providing an effective date.

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

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18 Section 1. Public school curricular standards and
19 assessments.—

20 (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State
21 Board of Education may not continue to implement the common core
22 standards in English Language Arts and mathematics, adopted by
23 the state board as part of the Next Generation Sunshine State
24 Standards, until the following occurs:

25 (a) The state board holds at least one public hearing in
26 each congressional district of the state, with at least one
27 member of the state board in attendance at each hearing, at
28 which public testimony is taken on the implementation of the
29 common core standards in the state's public schools.

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30 (b) A fiscal analysis of the projected cost of
31 implementation of the common core standards is presented to the
32 state board. The Department of Education shall contract with an
33 independent entity with expertise in the development,
34 implementation, and assessment of curricular standards to
35 conduct the fiscal analysis.

36 (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State
37 Board of Education may not adopt or revise curricular standards
38 in a manner that would effectively implement the common core
39 standards until the requirements of subsection (1) are met.
40 Before adopting or revising curricular standards, the state
41 board must compare the common core standards to other nationally
42 recognized standards of student achievement. The state board may
43 not adopt common core standards in curricular areas other than
44 English Language Arts and mathematics.

45 (3) This state shall withdraw from the Partnership for
46 Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) and may
47 not implement the assessments aligned to the common core
48 standards by the partnership. Instead, the state shall adopt and
49 implement new assessments that provide valid, reliable, and
50 timely testing of student performance.

51 (4) The State Board of Education may not enter into or
52 renew an agreement that cedes to an outside entity control over
53 curricular standards or assessments.

54 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.