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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to academic standards; suspending the
3 statewide assessment program, the school grading
4 system, and the personnel evaluation system for a
5 specified period; requiring a review of the statewide
6 assessment program; requiring a report to the Governor
7 and the Legislature by a specified date; providing an
8 effective date.

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

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12 Section 1. (1) The following are suspended until the start
13 of the 2016-2017 academic year:

14 (a) The statewide assessment program under s. 1008.22.

15 (b) The school grading system under s. 1008.34.

16 (c) The personnel evaluation system under s. 1012.34.

17 (2) During the moratorium, the Department of Education
18 shall review the statewide assessment program. The review must
19 include, at a minimum, a survey of teacher evaluations of the
20 efficacy of the assessments.

21 (3) By January 1, 2016, the Department of Education shall
22 prepare a report to the Governor, the President of the Senate,
23 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives containing an
24 analysis of the following:

25 (a) The total hours and costs dedicated to education
26 testing in this state, including the time taken to prepare for
27 and administer the statewide assessment program.

28 (b) The amount of money spent per student in this state as
29 compared to the amount spent in 2007 and as compared to the

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30 amounts currently spent in other states.

31 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.