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Appropriations Subcommittee on Education (Bullard) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 92 - 136

and insert:

Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section 1008.22, Florida Statutes, is amended, paragraph (i) is added to that subsection, and subsection (6) of that section is amended, to read:

1008.22 Student assessment program for public schools.—

(3) STATEWIDE, STANDARDIZED ASSESSMENT PROGRAM.—The



11 Commissioner of Education shall design and implement a
12 statewide, standardized assessment program aligned to the core
13 curricular content established in the Next Generation Sunshine
14 State Standards. The commissioner also must develop or select
15 and implement a common battery of assessment tools that will be
16 used in all juvenile justice education programs in the state.
17 These tools must accurately measure the core curricular content
18 established in the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards.
19 Participation in the assessment program is mandatory for all
20 school districts and all students attending public schools,
21 including adult students seeking a standard high school diploma
22 under s. 1003.4282 and students in Department of Juvenile
23 Justice education programs, except as otherwise provided by law.
24 If a student does not participate in the assessment program, the
25 school district must notify the student's parent and provide the
26 parent with information regarding the implications of such
27 nonparticipation. The statewide, standardized assessment program
28 shall be designed and implemented as follows:

29 (a) *Statewide, standardized comprehensive assessments.*—The
30 statewide, standardized Reading assessment shall be administered
31 annually in grades 3 through 10. The statewide, standardized
32 Writing assessment shall be administered annually at least once
33 at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. When the
34 Reading and Writing assessments are replaced by English Language
35 Arts (ELA) assessments, ELA assessments shall be administered to
36 students in grades 3 through 10 ~~11~~. Retake opportunities for the
37 grade 10 Reading assessment or, upon implementation, the grade
38 10 ELA assessment must be provided. Students taking the ELA
39 assessments shall not take the statewide, standardized



40 assessments in Reading or Writing. ELA assessments shall be
41 administered online. The statewide, standardized Mathematics
42 assessments shall be administered annually in grades 3 through
43 8. Students taking a revised Mathematics assessment shall not
44 take the discontinued assessment. The statewide, standardized
45 Science assessment shall be administered annually at least once
46 at the elementary and middle grades levels. In order to earn a
47 standard high school diploma, a student who has not earned a
48 passing score on the grade 10 Reading assessment or, upon
49 implementation, the grade 10 ELA assessment must earn a passing
50 score on the assessment retake or earn a concordant score as
51 authorized under subsection (7).

52 (i) Opt out.—Notwithstanding any other law, the parent of a
53 student who does not pass an assessment required under this
54 subsection may choose to have the student's concordant score on
55 a norm-referenced test used in lieu of the student's score on
56 the assessment.

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58 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

59 And the title is amended as follows:

60 Delete line 10

61 and insert:

62 grade 11; authorizing the parent of a student who does
63 not pass specified assessments to choose to have the
64 student's concordant score on a norm-referenced test
65 used in lieu of the student's score on the assessment;
66 prohibiting a school district from