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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to education; amending s. 1007.35,  
3           F.S.; revising the exams each public high school is  
4           required to administer to all enrolled 10th grade  
5           students to include ACT Aspire; providing an effective  
6           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), paragraph (j) of subsection (6),  
11           and paragraph (a) of subsection (8) of section 1007.35, Florida  
12           Statutes, are amended to read:

13           1007.35 Florida Partnership for Minority and  
14           Underrepresented Student Achievement.—

15           (5) Each public high school, including, but not limited to,  
16           schools and alternative sites and centers of the Department of  
17           Juvenile Justice, shall provide for the administration of the  
18           Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test  
19           (PSAT/NMSQT), or ACT Aspire ~~Preliminary ACT (PLAN)~~ to all  
20           enrolled 10th grade students. However, a written notice shall be  
21           provided to each parent that shall include the opportunity to  
22           exempt his or her child from taking the PSAT/NMSQT or ACT Aspire  
23           ~~PLAN~~.

24           (a) Test results will provide each high school with a  
25           database of student assessment data which certified school  
26           counselors will use to identify students who are prepared or who  
27           need additional work to be prepared to enroll and be successful  
28           in AP courses or other advanced high school courses.

29           (b) Funding for the PSAT/NMSQT or ACT Aspire ~~PLAN~~ for all  
30           10th grade students shall be contingent upon annual funding in  
31           the General Appropriations Act.

32           (c) Public school districts must choose either the

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33 PSAT/NMSQT or ACT Aspire ~~PLAN~~ for districtwide administration.

34 (6) The partnership shall:

35 (j) Provide information to students, parents, teachers,  
36 counselors, administrators, districts, Florida College System  
37 institutions, and state universities regarding PSAT/NMSQT or ACT  
38 Aspire ~~PLAN~~ administration, including, but not limited to:

39 1. Test administration dates and times.

40 2. That participation in the PSAT/NMSQT or ACT Aspire ~~PLAN~~  
41 is open to all 10th grade ~~10~~ students.

42 3. The value of such tests in providing diagnostic feedback  
43 on student skills.

44 4. The value of student scores in predicting the  
45 probability of success on AP or other advanced course  
46 examinations.

47 (8) (a) By September 30 of each year, the partnership shall  
48 submit to the department a report that contains an evaluation of  
49 the effectiveness of the delivered services and activities.  
50 Activities and services must be evaluated on their effectiveness  
51 at raising student achievement and increasing the number of AP  
52 or other advanced course examinations in low-performing middle  
53 and high schools. Other indicators that must be addressed in the  
54 evaluation report include the number of middle and high school  
55 teachers trained; the effectiveness of the training; measures of  
56 postsecondary readiness of the students affected by the program;  
57 levels of participation in 10th grade PSAT/NMSQT or ACT Aspire  
58 ~~PLAN~~ testing; and measures of student, parent, and teacher  
59 awareness of and satisfaction with the services of the  
60 partnership.

61 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.