

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the publication of student
3 assessments; amending s. 1008.22, F.S.; requiring the
4 Department of Education to publish certain assessments
5 on its website; providing requirements for such
6 publication; requiring the department to provide
7 materials regarding assessment information on its
8 website; conforming a cross-reference; providing an
9 effective date.

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

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13 Section 1. Subsections (8) through (12) of section
14 1008.22, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (9)
15 through (13), respectively, paragraph (a) of subsection (3) is
16 amended, and a new subsection (8) is added to that section, to
17 read:

18 1008.22 Student assessment program for public schools.—

19 (3) STATEWIDE, STANDARDIZED ASSESSMENT PROGRAM.—The
20 Commissioner of Education shall design and implement a
21 statewide, standardized assessment program aligned to the core
22 curricular content established in the Next Generation Sunshine
23 State Standards. The commissioner also must develop or select
24 and implement a common battery of assessment tools that will be
25 used in all juvenile justice education programs in the state.

26 | These tools must accurately measure the core curricular content
27 | established in the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards.
28 | Participation in the assessment program is mandatory for all
29 | school districts and all students attending public schools,
30 | including adult students seeking a standard high school diploma
31 | under s. 1003.4282 and students in Department of Juvenile
32 | Justice education programs, except as otherwise provided by law.
33 | If a student does not participate in the assessment program, the
34 | school district must notify the student's parent and provide the
35 | parent with information regarding the implications of such
36 | nonparticipation. The statewide, standardized assessment program
37 | shall be designed and implemented as follows:

38 | (a) Statewide, standardized comprehensive assessments.—The
39 | statewide, standardized Reading assessment shall be administered
40 | annually in grades 3 through 10. The statewide, standardized
41 | Writing assessment shall be administered annually at least once
42 | at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. When the
43 | Reading and Writing assessments are replaced by English Language
44 | Arts (ELA) assessments, ELA assessments shall be administered to
45 | students in grades 3 through 10. Retake opportunities for the
46 | grade 10 Reading assessment or, upon implementation, the grade
47 | 10 ELA assessment must be provided. Students taking the ELA
48 | assessments shall not take the statewide, standardized
49 | assessments in Reading or Writing. ELA assessments shall be
50 | administered online. The statewide, standardized Mathematics

51 assessments shall be administered annually in grades 3 through
52 8. Students taking a revised Mathematics assessment shall not
53 take the discontinued assessment. The statewide, standardized
54 Science assessment shall be administered annually at least once
55 at the elementary and middle grades levels. In order to earn a
56 standard high school diploma, a student who has not earned a
57 passing score on the grade 10 Reading assessment or, upon
58 implementation, the grade 10 ELA assessment must earn a passing
59 score on the assessment retake or earn a concordant score as
60 authorized under subsection (9) ~~(8)~~.

61 (8) PUBLICATION OF ASSESSMENTS.—To promote transparency in
62 the statewide assessment program, the Department of Education,
63 subject to appropriation, shall publish assessments on its
64 website in accordance with this subsection.

65 (a) Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, and every 3
66 years thereafter, the department shall publish each assessment
67 administered under paragraph (3) (a) and subparagraph (3) (b) 1.,
68 excluding retake assessments, at least once pursuant to a
69 schedule determined by the Commissioner of Education. Each
70 assessment, when published, must have been administered during
71 the most recent school year.

72 (b) The initial publication of assessments must occur no
73 later than June 30, 2020, and must include, at a minimum, the
74 grade 3 ELA and mathematics assessments, the grade 10 ELA
75 assessment, and the Algebra I EOC assessment.

76 (c) The department must provide materials on its website
77 to help the public interpret assessment information published
78 pursuant to this subsection.

79 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.