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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
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The Committee on Education (Flores) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Between lines 167 and 168  
insert:

Section 3. Committee on Early Childhood Development.—The  
Committee on Early Childhood Development, a committee as defined  
in s. 20.03, Florida Statutes, is created within the Department  
of Education to develop a proposal for establishing and  
implementing a coordinated system focused on developmental  
milestones and outcomes for the school readiness program, the  
Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program, and the Florida



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12 Kindergarten Readiness Screener and, except as otherwise  
13 provided in this section, shall operate consistent with s.  
14 20.052, Florida Statutes.

15 (1) The committee's proposal must include legislative  
16 recommendations for the design and implementation of a  
17 coordinated system for tracking children's development,  
18 including:

19 (a) The purpose of tracking children's development, with a  
20 focus on developmentally appropriate learning gains.

21 (b) Attributes for tool selection that provide guidance on  
22 procurement policies.

23 (c) An implementation schedule and protocols, including the  
24 frequency of data collection and a timeline for training to  
25 ensure reliability of the system.

26 (d) The methodology for collecting and analyzing data that  
27 defines reporting requirements.

28 (e) A budget for the system, including cost analyses for  
29 purchasing materials and necessary technology, training to  
30 ensure reliability, and data system management.

31 (f) Considerations for student privacy and tracking child  
32 development over time.

33 (2) The committee is composed of 14 members, with 7 members  
34 appointed by the President of the Senate and 7 members appointed  
35 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The members must  
36 be residents of this state. Seven of the members must be  
37 representatives from or subject matter experts for early  
38 learning and seven members must be representatives from or  
39 subject matter experts for kindergarten through grade 3.

40 (3) The committee shall elect a chair and vice chair.



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41 Members of the committee shall serve without compensation but  
42 are entitled to reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses  
43 pursuant to s. 112.061, Florida Statutes.

44 (4) The committee must meet at least three times and shall  
45 meet by teleconference or other electronic means, if possible,  
46 to reduce costs.

47 (5) A majority of the members constitutes a quorum.

48 (6) The University of Florida Lastinger Center for Learning  
49 shall provide the committee with staff necessary to assist the  
50 committee in the performance of its duties.

51 (7) The committee shall submit a report of its findings and  
52 recommendations to the Governor, the President of the Senate,  
53 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by December 1,  
54 2017. Upon submission of the report, the committee shall expire.

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

57 And the title is amended as follows:

58 Delete lines 2 - 19

59 and insert:

60 An act relating to education; requiring the  
61 Commissioner of Education to review specified college  
62 entrance examinations to determine their alignment  
63 with the core curricular content for high school level  
64 English Language Arts and mathematics established in  
65 state standards; requiring the commissioner to submit  
66 a report on the results of such review to the  
67 Governor, Legislature, and State Board of Education by  
68 a specified date; amending s. 1008.22, F.S.; revising  
69 provisions relating to achievement levels for certain



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70 statewide, standardized assessments; providing  
71 requirements for administration of the statewide,  
72 standardized English Language Arts and mathematics  
73 assessments in specified grades; revising provisions  
74 relating to reporting requirements for local  
75 assessments required by school districts; providing  
76 reporting requirements for certain student assessment  
77 results; creating the Committee on Early Childhood  
78 Development within the Department of Education;  
79 specifying committee purpose; requiring the committee  
80 to develop a proposal for specified purposes;  
81 providing proposal requirements; providing for  
82 membership of the committee; providing requirements  
83 for electing a committee chair and vice chair;  
84 providing committee meeting requirements; requiring  
85 the University of Florida Lastinger Center for  
86 Learning to provide necessary staff for the committee;  
87 requiring the committee to submit a report by a  
88 specified date; providing for the expiration of the  
89 committee; providing an effective date.