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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
Comm: RCS	.	
04/03/2017	.	
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The Committee on Education (Simmons) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 23 - 31

and insert:

Section 1. Study of a nationally recognized alternate high school assessment.—

(1) INDEPENDENT STUDY.—

(a) The Commissioner of Education shall contract for an independent study to determine whether a nationally recognized high school assessment may be administered in lieu of the Florida Standards Assessment and the Algebra I and end-of-course



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12 assessment for high school students.

13 (b) In order to be considered a nationally recognized high
14 school assessment, the assessment must meet the following
15 requirements:

16 1. Be substantially aligned with the core curricular
17 content for high school level English Language Arts (ELA) and
18 mathematics established in the Next Generation Sunshine State
19 Standards pursuant to s. 1003.41, Florida Statutes;

20 2. Provide for learning gains from the grade 8 ELA and
21 mathematics Florida Standards Assessment to the nationally
22 recognized high school assessment;

23 3. Provide for differentiation and comparability between
24 schools and districts;

25 4. Provide the same or additional accommodations to
26 students with disabilities and other students which are provided
27 by the Florida Standards Assessment and other statewide,
28 standardized assessments;

29 5. Meet the applicable assessment security requirements
30 determined by the commissioner for the state and for school
31 districts;

32 6. Meet the reasonable technical specification requirements
33 determined by the commissioner which allow implementation by the
34 state and by school districts; and

35 7. Satisfy any threshold legal requirements, including, but
36 not limited to, the standard set forth in *Debra P. v.*
37 *Turlington*, 474 F. Supp. 244 (M.D. Fla. 1979).

38 (c) The commissioner and the contractor shall consult with,
39 and receive recommendations for alternate assessments from,
40 education stakeholders, including district school



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41 superintendents, testing and measurement administrators,
42 curriculum directors, principals, teachers, and other educators
43 who have experience and expertise in the administration of high
44 school assessments.

45 (2) REPORT.—The commissioner shall submit a report on the
46 findings of the study and any recommendations to the Governor,
47 the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
48 Representatives by January 1, 2018.

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51 And the title is amended as follows:

52 Delete lines 3 - 10

53 and insert:

54 the Commissioner of Education to contract for an
55 independent study to determine whether a nationally
56 recognized high school assessment may be administered
57 in lieu of the Florida Standards Assessment and the
58 Algebra I end-of-course assessment; providing
59 requirements for the assessment; requiring the
60 commissioner and the contractor to consult with
61 specified stakeholders; requiring the commissioner to
62 submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature by
63 a specified date; amending s. 1008.22,