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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to the measurement of student  
3       performance; amending s. 1012.34, F.S.; requiring the  
4       Commissioner of Education to annually provide learning  
5       growth data calculated in accordance with a certain  
6       formula to school districts by a specified date;  
7       providing an effective date.  
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9   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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11       Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (7) of section  
12       1012.34, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

13       1012.34 Personnel evaluation procedures and criteria.—

14       (7) MEASUREMENT OF STUDENT PERFORMANCE.—

15       (a) The Commissioner of Education shall approve a formula  
16       to measure individual student learning growth on the statewide,  
17       standardized assessments in English Language Arts and  
18       mathematics administered under s. 1008.22 and by each July 31  
19       shall provide to school districts student learning growth data  
20       as calculated in accordance with the formula. A third party,  
21       independent of the assessment developer, must analyze student  
22       learning growth data calculated using the formula and provide  
23       access to a data visualization tool that enables teachers to  
24       understand and evaluate the data and school administrators to  
25       improve instruction, evaluate programs, allocate resources, plan  
26       professional development, and communicate with stakeholders. The  
27       formula must take into consideration each student's prior  
28       academic performance. The formula must not set different  
29       expectations for student learning growth based upon a student's

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30 gender, race, ethnicity, or socioeconomic status. In the  
31 development of the formula, the commissioner shall consider  
32 other factors such as a student's attendance record, disability  
33 status, or status as an English language learner. The  
34 commissioner may select additional formulas to measure student  
35 performance as appropriate for the remainder of the statewide,  
36 standardized assessments included under s. 1008.22 and continue  
37 to select formulas as new assessments are implemented in the  
38 state system.

39 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.