A bill to be entitled
An act relating to COVID-19 impact on school accountability; providing that school grades, school improvement ratings, and student performance results from the statewide, standardized assessments for the 2020-2021 school year may not be used for specified purposes; providing for future repeal; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (6) of section 1008.34, Florida Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (7), and a new subsection (6) is added to that section, to read:

1008.34 School grading system; school report cards; district grade.—

(6) HEALTH EMERGENCY PROVISION.—In recognition of the public health emergency caused by COVID-19, notwithstanding any other provision of law:

(a) A school shall not be required to select and implement a turnaround option pursuant to s. 1008.33 in the 2021-2022 school year based on the school's 2020-2021 school grade or school improvement rating pursuant to s. 1008.341, as applicable.

(b) A school or approved provider under s. 1002.45 that
receives the same or a lower school grade or school improvement rating for the 2020-2021 school year compared to the 2018-2019 school year is not subject to sanctions or penalties that would otherwise occur as a result of the 2020-2021 school grade or school improvement rating. A charter school system or a school district designated as high performing may not lose the designation based on the 2020-2021 school grade of any of the schools within the charter school system or school district, as applicable.

(c) Student performance results from the 2020-2021 statewide, standardized assessments may not be used for purposes of determining grade 3 retention pursuant to s. 1008.25(5) and high school graduation pursuant to s. 1003.4282 or calculating student performance measurement and evaluating personnel pursuant to s. 1012.34.

(d) This subsection is repealed July 1, 2023.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.