FOR CONSIDERATION By the Committee on Education Pre-K -12

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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to deregulation of public
3	schools/assessment and accountability, instruction,
4	and education choice; amending s. 1002.31, F.S.;
5	revising how often a school district or charter school
6	must update its school capacity determination;
7	deleting a requirement relating to school capacity
8	determination by district school boards; amending s.
9	1002.3105, F.S.; deleting a requirement that a
10	performance contract be completed if a student
11	participates in an Academically Challenging Curriculum
12	to Enhance Learning option; providing that a
13	performance contract may be used at the discretion of
14	the principal; repealing s. 1002.311, F.S., relating
15	to single-gender programs; amending s. 1002.34, F.S.;
16	deleting a requirement for the Commissioner of
17	Education to provide for an annual comparative
18	evaluation of charter technical career centers and
19	public technical centers; amending s. 1002.45, F.S.;
20	deleting the requirement that a notification to
21	parents regarding virtual instruction be written;
22	providing construction; amending s. 1002.53, F.S.;
23	deleting a requirement for a school district to
24	provide for admission of certain students to a summer
25	prekindergarten program; amending s. 1002.61, F.S.;
26	authorizing, rather than requiring, a school district
27	to administer the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education
28	Program; providing that a student is eligible for
29	summer reading camp under certain conditions; amending

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30	s. 1002.63, F.S.; deleting a requirement for an early
31	learning coalition to verify that certain public
32	schools comply with specified provisions; amending s.
33	1002.71, F.S.; deleting a requirement for school
34	district funding for certain programs; deleting a
35	requirement for district school board attendance
36	policies for Voluntary Prekindergarten Education
37	Programs; requiring a school district to certify its
38	attendance records for a Voluntary Prekindergarten
39	Education Program; amending s. 1003.4282, F.S.;
40	revising requirements for assessments needed for a
41	student to earn a high school diploma; deleting a
42	requirement for a student who transfers into a public
43	high school to take specified assessments; amending s.
44	1003.433, F.S.; deleting requirements that must be met
45	by students who transfer to a public school for 11th
46	or 12th grade; amending s. 1003.435, F.S.; deleting an
47	exception for the high school equivalency diploma
48	program; requiring school districts to adopt a policy
49	that allows specified students to take the high school
50	equivalency examination; amending s. 1003.455, F.S.;
51	making technical changes to physical education
52	requirements; amending s. 1003.4935, F.S.; deleting a
53	requirement that the Department of Education collect
54	and report certain data relating to a middle school
55	career and professional academy or career-themed
56	course; repealing s. 1003.4995, F.S., relating to the
57	fine arts report prepared by the Commissioner of
58	Education; repealing s. 1003.4996, F.S., relating to

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59	the Competency-Based Education Pilot Program; amending
60	s. 1003.49965, F.S.; authorizing, rather than
61	requiring, a school district to hold an Art in the
62	Capitol Competition; amending s. 1003.51, F.S.;
63	deleting a requirement regarding assessment procedures
64	for Department of Juvenile Justice education programs;
65	revising requirements for which assessment results
66	must be included in a student's discharge packet;
67	revising requirements for when a district school board
68	must face sanctions for unsatisfactory performance in
69	its Department of Juvenile Justice programs; amending
70	s. 1003.621, F.S.; deleting a requirement for
71	academically high-performing school districts to
72	submit an annual report to the State Board of
73	Education; amending s. 1006.28, F.S.; revising the
74	definition of the term "adequate instructional
75	materials"; deleting a timeframe requirement for each
76	district school superintendent to notify the
77	department about instructional materials; deleting a
78	requirement for such notification; authorizing, rather
79	than requiring, a school principal to collect the
80	purchase price of instructional materials lost,
81	destroyed, or damaged by a student; amending s.
82	1006.283, F.S.; deleting a timeframe requirement for a
83	district school superintendent to certify to the
84	Department of Education that instructional materials
85	meet state standards; amending s. 1006.33, F.S.;
86	requiring the Department of Education to advertise
87	bids or proposals for instructional materials within a

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88	specified timeframe beginning in a specified
89	instructional materials adoption cycle; requiring the
90	department to publish specifications for subject areas
91	within a specified timeframe; amending s. 1006.34,
92	F.S.; requiring the commissioner to publish a list of
93	adopted instructional materials within a specified
94	timeframe beginning in a specified instructional
95	materials adoption cycle; amending s. 1006.40, F.S.;
96	authorizing district school boards to approve an
97	exemption to the purchase of certain instructional
98	materials; revising the timeframe between purchases of
99	instructional materials; amending s. 1008.212, F.S.;
100	revising deadline requirements for a certain written
101	request by an individualized education program team;
102	amending s. 1008.22, F.S.; deleting a requirement that
103	a student pass a certain assessment to earn a high
104	school diploma; deleting a requirement for the
105	commissioner to publish a calendar of assessment and
106	reporting schedules; revising a time requirement for
107	each school district to establish schedules for the
108	administration of statewide, standardized assessments;
109	revising the information that must be included with
110	the schedules; conforming provisions to changes made
111	by the act; deleting a requirement for the
112	commissioner to identify which SAT and ACT scores
113	would satisfy graduation requirements; deleting a
114	requirement for the commissioner to identify
115	comparative scores for the Algebra I end-of-course
116	assessment; amending s. 1008.25, F.S.; providing

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117	conditions under which a student must be promoted to
118	grade 4; revising timeframe requirements for
119	administering the coordinated screening and progress
120	monitoring system; requiring two administrations of
121	the coordinated screening and progress monitoring
122	system for students in a summer prekindergarten
123	program; conforming a cross-reference; amending s.
124	1008.33, F.S.; prohibiting a school from being
125	required to use a certain parameter as the sole
126	determining factor to recruit instructional personnel;
127	providing requirements for a rule adopted by the State
128	Board of Education; revising the date by which a
129	school district must submit a memorandum of
130	understanding to the Department of Education;
131	increasing the length of time for which certain school
132	districts must continue a turnaround plan; revising an
133	authorization for the state board to allow a school
134	additional time before implementing a turnaround
135	option; revising requirements for schools that
136	complete a plan cycle; deleting a requirement for a
137	school to implement another turnaround option under
138	certain circumstances; amending s. 1008.332, F.S.;
139	revising a provision relating to the No Child Left
140	Behind Act to relate to the Every Student Succeeds
141	Act; deleting a requirement for committee members to
142	annually report to specified entities; amending s.
143	1008.34, F.S.; requiring that certain changes made by
144	the state board to the school grades model or school
145	grading scale go into effect in the following school

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146	year or later; conforming cross-references; amending
147	s. 1008.345, F.S.; deleting a requirement for the
148	Department of Education to develop an annual feedback
149	report; deleting a requirement for the Commissioner of
150	Education to review specified feedback reports and
151	submit findings to the State Board of Education;
152	deleting certain requirements for a report the
153	commissioner produces annually for the state board;
154	conforming a cross reference; amending s. 1000.05,
155	F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing an
156	effective date.
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158	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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160	Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section
161	1002.31, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
162	1002.31 Controlled open enrollment; public school parental
163	choice
164	(2)
165	(b) Each school district and charter school capacity
166	determinations for its schools, by grade level, must be updated
167	at least twice annually every 12 weeks and be identified on the
168	school district and charter school's websites. In determining
169	the capacity of each district school, the district school board
170	shall incorporate the specifications, plans, elements, and
171	commitments contained in the school district educational
172	facilities plan and the long-term work programs required under
173	s. 1013.35. Each charter school governing board shall determine
174	capacity based upon its charter school contract. Each virtual

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175	charter school and each school district with a contract with an
176	approved virtual instruction program provider shall determine
177	capacity based upon the enrollment requirements established
178	under s. 1002.45(1)(e)4.
179	Section 2. Paragraphs (c) and (d) of subsection (4) of
180	section 1002.3105, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
181	1002.3105 Academically Challenging Curriculum to Enhance
182	Learning (ACCEL) options
183	(4) ACCEL REQUIREMENTS
184	(c) If a student participates in an ACCEL option pursuant
185	to the parental request under subparagraph (b)1., a performance
186	contract is not required but may be used at the discretion of
187	the principal must be executed by the student, the parent, and
188	the principal. At a minimum, the performance contract must
189	require compliance with:
190	1. Minimum student attendance requirements.
191	2. Minimum student conduct requirements.
192	3. ACCEL option requirements established by the principal,
193	which may include participation in extracurricular activities,
194	educational outings, field trips, interscholastic competitions,
195	and other activities related to the ACCEL option selected.
196	(d) If a principal initiates a student's participation in
197	an ACCEL option, the student's parent must be notified. A
198	performance contract , pursuant to paragraph (c), is not required
199	when a principal initiates participation but may be used at the
200	discretion of the principal.
201	Section 3. Section 1002.311, Florida Statutes, is repealed.
202	Section 4. Subsection (19) of section 1002.34, Florida
203	Statutes, is amended to read:

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204	1002.34 Charter technical career centers
205	(19) EVALUATION; REPORT. The Commissioner of Education
206	shall provide for an annual comparative evaluation of charter
207	technical career centers and public technical centers. The
208	evaluation may be conducted in cooperation with the sponsor,
209	through private contracts, or by department staff. At a minimum,
210	the comparative evaluation must address the demographic and
211	socioeconomic characteristics of the students served, the types
212	and costs of services provided, and the outcomes achieved. By
213	December 30 of each year, the Commissioner of Education shall
214	submit to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker
215	of the House of Representatives, and the Senate and House
216	committees that have responsibility for secondary and
217	postsecondary career and technical education a report of the
218	comparative evaluation completed for the previous school year.
219	Section 5. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) and paragraph
220	(d) of subsection (3) of section 1002.45, Florida Statutes, are
221	amended to read:
222	1002.45 Virtual instruction programs
223	(1) PROGRAM
224	(b)1. Each school district shall provide at least one
225	option for part-time and full-time virtual instruction for
226	students residing within the school district. All school
227	districts must provide parents with timely written notification
228	of at least one open enrollment period for full-time students of
229	90 days or more which ends 30 days before the first day of the
230	school year. A school district virtual instruction program shall
231	consist of the following:
232	a. Full-time and part-time virtual instruction for students

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581-00793A-24 20247004pb 233 enrolled in kindergarten through grade 12. 234 b. Full-time or part-time virtual instruction for students 235 enrolled in dropout prevention and academic intervention 236 programs under s. 1003.53, Department of Juvenile Justice 237 education programs under s. 1003.52, core-curricula courses to 238 meet class size requirements under s. 1003.03, or Florida 239 College System institutions under this section. 240 2. Each virtual instruction program established under paragraph (c) by a school district either directly or through a 241 242 contract with an approved virtual instruction program provider 243 shall operate under its own Master School Identification Number 244 as prescribed by the department. (3) VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.-Each virtual 245 246 instruction program under this section must: (d) Provide each full-time student enrolled in the virtual 247 248 instruction program who qualifies for free or reduced-price 249 school lunches under the National School Lunch Act, or who is on 250 the direct certification list, and who does not have a computer 251 or Internet access in his or her home with: 252 1. All equipment necessary for participants in the virtual 253 instruction program, including, but not limited to, a computer, 254 computer monitor, and printer, if a printer is necessary to 255 participate in the virtual instruction program; and 256 2. Access to or reimbursement for all Internet services 257 necessary for online delivery of instruction. 258 259 This paragraph does not prohibit a school district virtual instruction program from providing such equipment to any student 260 261 enrolled in a virtual instruction program.

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262	Section 6. Paragraph (b) of subsection (6) of section
263	1002.53, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
264	1002.53 Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program;
265	eligibility and enrollment
266	(6)
267	(b) A parent may enroll his or her child with any public
268	school within the school district which is eligible to deliver
269	the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program under this part,
270	subject to available space. Each school district may limit the
271	number of students admitted by any public school for enrollment
272	in the school-year program ; however, the school district must
273	provide for the admission of every eligible child within the
274	district whose parent enrolls the child in a summer
275	prekindergarten program delivered by a public school under s.
276	1002.61 .
277	Section 7. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and paragraph
278	(a) of subsection (10) of section 1002.61, Florida Statutes, are
279	amended, and subsection (11) is added to that section, to read:
280	1002.61 Summer prekindergarten program delivered by public
281	schools and private prekindergarten providers
282	(1)(a) Each school district <u>may</u> shall administer the
283	Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program at the district
284	level for students enrolled under s. 1002.53(3)(b) in a summer

285 prekindergarten program delivered by a public school.

(10) (a) Each early learning coalition shall verify that each private prekindergarten provider and public school delivering the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program within the coalition's county or multicounty region complies with this part.

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291	(11) A student who did not attend the school year Voluntary
292	Prekindergarten Education Program and lacks access to summer
293	prekindergarten in the county in which he or she resides is
294	eligible to enroll in the summer reading camp provided by the
295	district school board under s. 1008.25.
296	Section 8. Subsection (9) of section 1002.63, Florida
297	Statutes, is amended to read:
298	1002.63 School-year prekindergarten program delivered by
299	public schools
300	(9) (a) Each early learning coalition shall verify that each
301	public school delivering the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education
302	Program within the coalition's service area complies with this
303	part.
304	(b) If a public school fails or refuses to comply with this
305	part or engages in misconduct, the department <u>must</u> shall require
306	\underline{that} the school district \underline{to} remove the school from eligibility
307	to deliver the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program and
308	receive state funds under this part for a period of at least 2
309	years but no more than 5 years.
310	Section 9. Paragraph (d) of subsection (3), paragraph (b)
311	of subsection (6), and subsection (7) of section 1002.71,
312	Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
313	1002.71 Funding; financial and attendance reporting
314	(3)
315	(d) For programs offered by school districts pursuant to s.
316	1002.61, each district's funding shall be based on a student
317	enrollment that is evenly divisible by 12. If the result of
318	dividing a district's student enrollment by 12 is not a whole
319	number, the district's enrollment calculation shall be adjusted

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581-00793A-24 20247004pb 320 by adding the minimum number of students to produce a student enrollment calculation that is evenly divisible by 12. 321 322 (6) 323 (b)1. Each private prekindergarten provider's and district 324 school board's attendance policy must require the parent of each 325 student in the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program to 326 verify, each month, the student's attendance on the prior 327 month's certified student attendance. 328 2. The parent must submit the verification of the student's 329 attendance to the private prekindergarten provider or public 330 school on forms prescribed by the department. The forms must 331 include, in addition to the verification of the student's attendance, a certification, in substantially the following 332 333 form, that the parent continues to choose the private 334 prekindergarten provider or public school in accordance with s. 335 1002.53 and directs that payments for the program be made to the 336 provider or school: 337 338 VERIFICATION OF STUDENT'S ATTENDANCE 339 AND CERTIFICATION OF PARENTAL CHOICE 340 341 I, ... (Name of Parent) ..., swear (or affirm) that my child, ... (Name of Student) ..., attended the Voluntary Prekindergarten 342 343 Education Program on the days listed above and certify that I continue to choose ... (Name of Provider or School)... to deliver 344 345 the program for my child and direct that program funds be paid 346 to the provider or school for my child. 347 ... (Signature of Parent) ... 348 ... (Date) ...

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350 3. The private prekindergarten provider or public school 351 must keep each original signed form for at least 2 years. Each 352 private prekindergarten provider must permit the early learning 353 coalition, and each public school must permit the school 354 district, to inspect the original signed forms during normal 355 business hours. The department shall adopt procedures for early 356 learning coalitions and school districts to review the original 357 signed forms against the certified student attendance. The 358 review procedures must shall provide for the use of selective 359 inspection techniques, including, but not limited to, random 360 sampling. Each early learning coalition and the school districts 361 must comply with the review procedures.

362 (7) The department shall require that administrative 363 expenditures be kept to the minimum necessary for efficient and 364 effective administration of the Voluntary Prekindergarten 365 Education Program. Administrative policies and procedures must 366 shall be revised, to the maximum extent practicable, be revised 367 to incorporate the use of automation and electronic submission 368 of forms, including those required for child eligibility and 369 enrollment, provider and class registration, and monthly 370 certification of attendance for payment. A school district may 371 use its automated daily attendance reporting system for the 372 purpose of maintaining and transmitting attendance records to 373 the early learning coalition in a mutually agreed-upon format. 374 Each school district shall certify the correctness of attendance 375 data submitted to the single point of entry system described in 376 paragraph (5)(a) as required by the department. In addition, 377 actions must shall be taken to reduce paperwork, eliminate the

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378	duplication of reports, and eliminate other duplicative
379	activities. Each early learning coalition may retain and expend
380	no more than 4.0 percent of the funds paid by the coalition to
381	private prekindergarten providers and public schools under
382	paragraph (5)(b). Funds retained by an early learning coalition
383	under this subsection may be used only for administering the
384	Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program and may not be used
385	for the school readiness program or other programs.
386	Section 10. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (3),
387	paragraph (c) of subsection (5), and subsection (6) of section
388	1003.4282, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
389	1003.4282 Requirements for a standard high school diploma
390	(3) STANDARD HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA; COURSE AND ASSESSMENT
391	REQUIREMENTS
392	(a) Four credits in English Language Arts (ELA).—The four
393	credits must be in ELA I, II, III, and IV. A student must pass
394	the statewide, standardized grade 10 ELA assessment, or earn a
395	concordant score, in order to earn a standard high school
396	diploma.
397	(b) Four credits in mathematics.—
398	1. A student must earn one credit in Algebra I and one
399	credit in Geometry. A student's performance on the statewide,
400	standardized Algebra I end-of-course (EOC) assessment
401	constitutes 30 percent of the student's final course grade. A
402	student must pass the statewide, standardized Algebra I EOC
403	assessment, or earn a comparative score, in order to earn a
404	standard high school diploma. A student's performance on the
405	statewide, standardized Geometry EOC assessment constitutes 30
406	percent of the student's final course grade.

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407 2. A student who earns an industry certification for which 408 there is a statewide college credit articulation agreement 409 approved by the State Board of Education may substitute the 410 certification for one mathematics credit. Substitution may occur 411 for up to two mathematics credits, except for Algebra I and 412 Geometry. A student may earn two mathematics credits by 413 successfully completing Algebra I through two full-year courses. 414 A certified school counselor or the principal's designee shall 415 must advise the student that admission to a state university may require the student to earn 3 additional mathematics credits 416 417 that are at least as rigorous as Algebra I.

418 3. A student who earns a computer science credit may 419 substitute the credit for up to one credit of the mathematics 420 requirement, with the exception of Algebra I and Geometry, if 421 the commissioner identifies the computer science credit as being 422 equivalent in rigor to the mathematics credit. An identified 423 computer science credit may not be used to substitute for both a 424 mathematics and a science credit. A student who earns an 425 industry certification in 3D rapid prototype printing may 426 satisfy up to two credits of the mathematics requirement, with 427 the exception of Algebra I, if the commissioner identifies the 428 certification as being equivalent in rigor to the mathematics 429 credit or credits.

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(5) AWARD OF A STANDARD HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA.-

(c) A student who earns the required 24 credits, or the
required 18 credits under s. 1002.3105(5), but fails to pass the
assessments required under s. 1008.22(3) or achieve a 2.0 GPA
shall be awarded a certificate of completion in a form
prescribed by the State Board of Education. However, a student

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581-00793A-24 20247004pb 465 to read: 466 1003.433 Learning opportunities for out-of-state and out-467 of-country transfer students and students needing additional 468 instruction to meet high school graduation requirements.-469 (1) Students who enter a Florida public school at the 11th 470 or 12th grade from out of state or out of country may shall not 471 be required to spend additional time in a Florida public school 472 in order to meet the high school course requirements if the 473 student has met all requirements of the school district, state, 474 or country from which he or she is transferring. Such students 475 who are not proficient in English should receive immediate and 476 intensive instruction in English language acquisition. However, 477 to receive a standard high school diploma, a transfer student 478 must earn a 2.0 grade point average and meet the requirements 479 under s. 1008.22. 480 (2) Students who earn the required 24 credits for the 481 standard high school diploma except for passage of any must-pass assessment under s. 1003.4282 or s. 1008.22 or an alternate 482 483 assessment by the end of grade 12 must be provided the following 484 learning opportunities: 485 (a) Participation in an accelerated high school equivalency 486 diploma preparation program during the summer. 487 (b) Upon receipt of a certificate of completion, be allowed 488 to take the College Placement Test and be admitted to 489 developmental education or credit courses at a Florida College 490 System institution, as appropriate. 491

491 (c) Participation in an adult general education program as
 492 provided in s. 1004.93 for such time as the student requires to
 493 master English, reading, mathematics, or any other subject

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494	required for high school graduation. A student attending an
495	adult general education program shall have the opportunity to
496	take any must-pass assessment under s. 1003.4282 or s. 1008.22
497	an unlimited number of times in order to receive a standard high
498	school diploma.
499	(3) Students who have been enrolled in an ESOL program for
500	less than 2 school years and have met all requirements for the
501	standard high school diploma except for passage of any must-pass
502	assessment under s. 1003.4282 or s. 1008.22 or alternate
503	assessment may:
504	(a) Receive immersion English language instruction during
505	the summer following their senior year. Students receiving such
506	instruction are eligible to take the required assessment or
507	alternate assessment and receive a standard high school diploma
508	upon passage of the required assessment or alternate assessment.
509	This paragraph shall be implemented to the extent funding is
510	provided in the General Appropriations Act.
511	(b) Beginning with the 2022-2023 school year, meet the
512	requirement to pass the statewide, standardized grade 10 English
513	Language Arts assessment by satisfactorily demonstrating grade-
514	level expectations on formative assessments, in accordance with
515	state board rule.
516	Section 12. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section
517	1003.435, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
518	1003.435 High school equivalency diploma program.—
519	(4)(a) A candidate for a high school equivalency diploma
520	must shall be at least 18 years of age on the date of the
521	examination, except that in extraordinary circumstances, as
522	provided for in rules of the district school board of the

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523	district in which the candidate resides or attends school, a
524	candidate may take the examination after reaching the age of 16
525	with the written permission of her or her parent or guardian.
526	School districts shall adopt a policy to allow for such written
527	permission by a parent or guardian.
528	Section 13. Subsection (6) of section 1003.455, Florida
529	Statutes, is amended to read:
530	1003.455 Physical education; assessment
531	(6) In addition to the requirements in subsection (3), each
532	district school board shall provide at least 100 minutes of
533	supervised and, safe, and unstructured free-play recess each
534	week for students in kindergarten through grade 5 so that there
535	are at least 20 consecutive minutes of free-play recess per day.
536	This requirement does not apply to charter schools.
537	Section 14. Subsection (3) of section 1003.4935, Florida
538	Statutes, is amended to read:
539	1003.4935 Middle grades career and professional academy
540	courses and career-themed courses
541	(3) Beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, if a school
542	district implements a middle school career and professional
543	academy or a career-themed course, the Department of Education
544	shall collect and report student achievement data pursuant to
545	performance factors identified under s. 1003.492(3) for students
546	enrolled in an academy or a career-themed course.
547	Section 15. Section 1003.4995, Florida Statutes, is
548	repealed.
549	Section 16. <u>Section 1003.4996, Florida Statutes, is</u>
550	repealed.
551	Section 17. Subsection (2) of section 1003.49965, Florida

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581-00793A-24 20247004pb 552 Statutes, is amended to read: 553 1003.49965 Art in the Capitol Competition.-554 (2) A Each school district may shall annually hold an Art 555 in the Capitol Competition for all public, private, and home 556 education students in grades 6 through 8. Submissions must shall 557 be judged by a selection committee consisting of art teachers 558 whose students have not submitted artwork for consideration. 559 Section 18. Paragraphs (g) and (r) of subsection (2) of 560 section 1003.51, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 561 1003.51 Other public educational services.-562 (2) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules 563 articulating expectations for effective education programs for 564 students in Department of Juvenile Justice programs, including, 565 but not limited to, education programs in juvenile justice 566 prevention, day treatment, residential, and detention programs. 567 The rule shall establish policies and standards for education 568 programs for students in Department of Juvenile Justice programs 569 and shall include the following: 570 (g) Assessment procedures, which: 571 1. For prevention, day treatment, and residential programs, 572 include appropriate academic and career assessments administered 573 at program entry and exit that are selected by the Department of 574 Education in partnership with representatives from the Department of Juvenile Justice, district school boards, and 575

576 education providers. Assessments must be completed within the
577 first 10 school days after a student's entry into the program.

578 2. provide for determination of the areas of academic need 579 and strategies for appropriate intervention and instruction for 580 each student in a detention facility within 5 school days after

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581-00793A-24 20247004pb 581 the student's entry into the program and administer a research-582 based assessment that will assist the student in determining his 583 or her educational and career options and goals within 22 school 584 days after the student's entry into the program. 585 586 The results of the these assessments required under this 587 paragraph and under s. 1003.52(3)(d), together with a portfolio 588 depicting the student's academic and career accomplishments, 589 must shall be included in the discharge packet assembled for 590 each student. 591 (r) A series of graduated sanctions for district school 592 boards whose educational programs in Department of Juvenile 593 Justice programs are considered to be unsatisfactory and for 594 instances in which district school boards fail to meet standards 595 prescribed by law, rule, or State Board of Education policy. 596 These sanctions must shall include the option of requiring a 597 district school board to contract with a provider or another 598 district school board if the educational program at the 599 Department of Juvenile Justice program is performing below 600 minimum standards and, after 6 months, is still performing below 601 minimum standards. 602 Section 19. Subsection (4) of section 1003.621, Florida 603 Statutes, is amended to read:

1003.621 Academically high-performing school districts.—It is the intent of the Legislature to recognize and reward school districts that demonstrate the ability to consistently maintain or improve their high-performing status. The purpose of this section is to provide high-performing school districts with flexibility in meeting the specific requirements in statute and

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610	rules of the State Board of Education.
611	(4) REPORTS. The academically high-performing school
612	district shall submit to the State Board of Education and the
613	Legislature an annual report on December 1 which delineates the
614	performance of the school district relative to the academic
615	performance of students at each grade level in reading, writing,
616	mathematics, science, and any other subject that is included as
617	a part of the statewide assessment program in s. 1008.22. The
618	annual report shall be submitted in a format prescribed by the
619	Department of Education and shall include:
620	(a) Longitudinal performance of students on statewide,
621	standardized assessments taken under s. 1008.22;
622	(b) Longitudinal performance of students by grade level and
623	subgroup on statewide, standardized assessments taken under s.
624	1008.22;
625	(c) Longitudinal performance regarding efforts to close the
626	achievement gap;
627	(d)1. Number and percentage of students who take an
628	Advanced Placement Examination; and
629	2. Longitudinal performance regarding students who take an
630	Advanced Placement Examination by demographic group,
631	specifically by age, gender, race, and Hispanic origin, and by
632	participation in the National School Lunch Program;
633	(e) Evidence of compliance with subsection (1); and
634	(f) A description of each waiver and the status of each
635	waiver.
636	Section 20. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1), paragraph (b)
637	of subsection (3), and paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of
638	section 1006.28, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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581-00793A-24 20247004pb 639 1006.28 Duties of district school board, district school 640 superintendent; and school principal regarding K-12 641 instructional materials.-642 (1) DEFINITIONS.-643 (a) As used in this section, the term: 644 1. "Adequate instructional materials" means a sufficient 645 number of student or site licenses or sets of materials that are available in bound, unbound, kit, or package form and may 646 647 consist of hardbacked or softbacked textbooks, electronic content, consumables, learning laboratories, manipulatives, 648 649 electronic media, and computer courseware or software that serve 650 as the basis for instruction for each student in the core 651 subject areas of mathematics, language arts, social studies, 652 science, reading, and literature. 653 2. "Instructional materials" has the same meaning as in s. 654 1006.29(2). 655 3. "Library media center" means any collection of books, 656 ebooks, periodicals, or videos maintained and accessible on the 657 site of a school, including in classrooms. 658 (3) DISTRICT SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT.-659 (b) Each district school superintendent shall annually 660 notify the department by April 1 of each year the state-adopted 661 instructional materials that will be requisitioned for use in his or her school district. The notification shall include a 662 663 district school board plan for instructional materials use to 664 assist in determining if adequate instructional materials have 665 been requisitioned. 666 (4) SCHOOL PRINCIPAL.-The school principal has the 667 following duties for the management and care of materials at the

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668 school:

669 (b) Money collected for lost or damaged instructional 670 materials; enforcement.-The school principal may shall collect 671 from each student or the student's parent the purchase price of 672 any instructional material the student has lost, destroyed, or 673 unnecessarily damaged and to report and transmit the money 674 collected to the district school superintendent. The failure to 675 collect such sum upon reasonable effort by the school principal 676 may result in the suspension of the student from participation 677 in extracurricular activities or satisfaction of the debt by the 678 student through community service activities at the school site 679 as determined by the school principal, pursuant to policies 680 adopted by district school board rule.

681 Section 21. Subsection (1) of section 1006.283, Florida 682 Statutes, is amended to read:

683 1006.283 District school board instructional materials684 review process.-

685 (1) A district school board or consortium of school 686 districts may implement an instructional materials program that 687 includes the review, recommendation, adoption, and purchase of 688 instructional materials. The district school superintendent 689 shall annually certify to the department by March 31 of each 690 year that all instructional materials for core courses used by 691 the district are aligned with applicable state standards. A list of the core instructional materials that will be used or 692 693 purchased for use by the school district shall be included in 694 the certification.

695 Section 22. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 696 1006.33, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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581-00793A-24 20247004pb 697 1006.33 Bids or proposals; advertisement and its contents.-698 (1) (a) 1. Beginning on or before May 15 of any year in which 699 an instructional materials adoption is to be initiated, the 700 department shall advertise in the Florida Administrative 701 Register 4 weeks preceding the date on which the bids shall be 702 received, that at a certain designated time, not later than June 703 15, sealed bids or proposals to be deposited with the department 704 will be received from publishers or manufacturers for the 705 furnishing of instructional materials proposed to be adopted as 706 listed in the advertisement beginning April 1 following the 707 adoption. 708 2. Beginning with the 2026 instructional materials adoption 709 cycle, on or before October 15 of any year and 2 years before 710 any instructional materials adoption period, the department 711 shall advertise in the Florida Administrative Register 4 weeks 712 preceding the date on which the bids must be received that at a 713 certain designated time not later than November 15, sealed bids or proposals to be deposited with the department will be 714 715 received from publishers or manufacturers for the furnishing of 716 instructional materials proposed to be adopted as listed in the 717 advertisement beginning April 1 following the adoption. The 718 department shall publish its specifications for each subject for 719 which instructional materials are to be adopted a minimum of 180 720 days before the date on which it will place such advertisement. 721 Section 23. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 722 1006.34, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 1006.34 Powers and duties of the commissioner and the 723

724 department in selecting and adopting instructional materials. 725 (2) SELECTION AND ADOPTION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS.-

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581-00793A-24 20247004pb 726 (a) The department shall notify all publishers and 727 manufacturers of instructional materials who have submitted bids 728 that within 3 weeks after the deadline for receiving bids, at a 729 designated time and place, it will open the bids submitted and 730 deposited with it. At the time and place designated, the bids 731 must shall be opened, read, and tabulated in the presence of the 732 bidders or their representatives. No one may revise his or her bid after the bids have been filed. When all bids have been 733 734 carefully considered, the commissioner shall, from the list of 735 suitable, usable, and desirable instructional materials reported 736 by the state instructional materials reviewers, select and adopt 737 instructional materials for each grade and subject field in the 738 curriculum of public elementary, middle, and high schools in 739 which adoptions are made and in the subject areas designated in 740 the advertisement. Beginning with the 2026 instructional 741 materials adoption cycle, the commissioner shall publish the 742 list of adopted instructional materials not later than July 31 743 of the year preceding the beginning of the adoption period. The 744 adoption must shall continue for the period specified in the 745 advertisement, beginning on the ensuing April 1. The adoption 746 may shall not prevent the extension of a contract as provided in 747 subsection (3). The commissioner shall always reserve the right 748 to reject any and all bids. The commissioner may ask for new 749 sealed bids from publishers or manufacturers whose instructional 750 materials were recommended by the state instructional materials 751 reviewers as suitable, usable, and desirable; specify the dates 752 for filing such bids and the date on which they must shall be 753 opened; and proceed in all matters regarding the opening of bids 754 and the awarding of contracts as required by this part. In all

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581-00793A-24 20247004pb 755 cases, bids must shall be accompanied by a cash deposit or 756 certified check of from \$500 to \$2,500, as the department may 757 direct. The department shall, in adopting instructional 758 materials, shall give due consideration both to the prices bid 759 for furnishing instructional materials and to the report and 760 recommendations of the state instructional materials reviewers. 761 When the commissioner has finished with the report of the state 762 instructional materials reviewers, the report must shall be 763 filed and preserved with the department and must shall be 764 available at all times for public inspection. 765 Section 24. Subsection (2) of section 1006.40, Florida 766 Statutes, is amended to read: 767 1006.40 Purchase of instructional materials.-768 (2) Each district school board must purchase current 769 instructional materials to provide students each student in 770 kindergarten through grade 12 with a major tool of instruction 771 in core courses of the subject areas of mathematics, language 772 arts, science, social studies, reading, and literature. If 773 deemed appropriate by the district school board, it may approve 774 an exemption to such purchase for certain courses. Such purchase 775 must be made within the first 5 $\frac{3}{2}$ years after the effective date

776 of the adoption cycle unless a district school board or a 777 consortium of school districts has implemented an instructional 778 materials program pursuant to s. 1006.283.

Section 25. Subsection (3) of section 1008.212, FloridaStatutes, is amended to read:

781 1008.212 Students with disabilities; extraordinary
782 exemption.-

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(3) The IEP team, which must include the parent, may submit

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581-00793A-24 20247004pb 784 to the district school superintendent a written request for an 785 extraordinary exemption at any time during the school year, 786 subject to deadlines established by the district school 787 superintendent but not later than 60 days before the current 788 year's assessment administration for which the request is made. 789 A request must include all of the following: 790 (a) A written description of the student's disabilities, 791 including a specific description of the student's impaired 792 sensory, manual, or speaking skills. 793 (b) Written documentation of the most recent evaluation 794 data. 795 (c) Written documentation, if available, of the most recent 796 administration of the statewide standardized assessment, an end-797 of-course assessment, or an alternate assessment. 798 (d) A written description of the condition's effect on the student's participation in the statewide standardized 799 800 assessment, an end-of-course assessment, or an alternate 801 assessment. 802 (e) Written evidence that the student has had the 803 opportunity to learn the skills being tested. 804 (f) Written evidence that the student has been provided 805 appropriate instructional accommodations. 806 (g) Written evidence as to whether the student has had the 807 opportunity to be assessed using the instructional 808 accommodations on the student's IEP which are allowable in the 809 administration of the statewide standardized assessment, an end-810 of-course assessment, or an alternate assessment in prior 811 assessments. 812 (h) Written evidence of the circumstance or condition as

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581-00793A-24 20247004pb 813 defined in subsection (1). 814 Section 26. Paragraphs (a) and (d) of subsection (3), 815 paragraphs (b), (d), (e), and (h) of subsection (7), and 816 subsections (9) and (10) of section 1008.22, Florida Statutes, 817 are amended to read: 818 1008.22 Student assessment program for public schools.-819 (3) STATEWIDE, STANDARDIZED ASSESSMENT PROGRAM.-The 820 Commissioner of Education shall design and implement a 821 statewide, standardized assessment program aligned to the core 822 curricular content established in the state academic standards. 82.3 The commissioner also must develop or select and implement a 824 common battery of assessment tools that will be used in all 825 juvenile justice education programs in the state. These tools 826 must accurately measure the core curricular content established 827 in the state academic standards. Participation in the assessment 828 program is mandatory for all school districts and all students 829 attending public schools, including adult students seeking a 830 standard high school diploma under s. 1003.4282 and students in 831 Department of Juvenile Justice education programs, except as 832 otherwise provided by law. If a student does not participate in 833 the assessment program, the school district must notify the 834 student's parent and provide the parent with information 835 regarding the implications of such nonparticipation. The 836 statewide, standardized assessment program shall be designed and 837 implemented as follows:

(a) Statewide, standardized comprehensive assessments.839

The statewide, standardized English Language Arts (ELA)

840 assessments shall be administered to students in grades 3
841 through 10. Retake opportunities for the grade 10 ELA assessment

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581-00793A-24 20247004pb 842 must be provided. Reading passages and writing prompts for ELA 843 assessments shall incorporate grade-level core curricula content 844 from social studies. The statewide, standardized Mathematics 845 assessments shall be administered annually in grades 3 through 846 8. The statewide, standardized Science assessment shall be 847 administered annually at least once at the elementary and middle 848 grades levels. In order to earn a standard high school diploma, 849 a student who has not earned a passing score on the grade 10 ELA 850 assessment must earn a passing score on the assessment retake or 851 earn a concordant score as authorized under subsection (9).

2. Beginning with the 2022-2023 school year, the end-ofyear comprehensive progress monitoring assessment administered pursuant to s. 1008.25(9)(b)2. is the statewide, standardized ELA assessment for students in grades 3 through 10 and the statewide, standardized Mathematics assessment for students in grades 3 through 8.

858 (d) Students with disabilities; Florida Alternate
859 Assessment.-

1. Each district school board must provide instruction to prepare students with disabilities in the core content knowledge and skills necessary for successful grade-to-grade progression and high school graduation.

2. A student with a disability, as defined in s. 1007.02, for whom the individual education plan (IEP) team determines that the statewide, standardized assessments under this section cannot accurately measure the student's abilities, taking into consideration all allowable accommodations, shall have assessment results waived for the purpose of receiving a course grade and a standard high school diploma. Such waiver shall be

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871 designated on the student's transcript. The statement of waiver 872 shall be limited to a statement that performance on an 873 assessment was waived for the purpose of receiving a course 874 grade or a standard high school diploma, as applicable. 875 3. The State Board of Education shall adopt rules, based 876 upon recommendations of the commissioner, for the provision of 877 assessment accommodations for students with disabilities and for 878 students who have limited English proficiency. 879 a. Accommodations that negate the validity of a statewide, 880 standardized assessment are not allowed during the 881 administration of the assessment. However, instructional 882 accommodations are allowed in the classroom if identified in a 883 student's IEP. Students using instructional accommodations in 884 the classroom that are not allowed on a statewide, standardized 885 assessment may have assessment results waived if the IEP team 886 determines that the assessment cannot accurately measure the student's abilities. 887 888 b. If a student is provided with instructional 889 accommodations in the classroom that are not allowed as 890 accommodations for statewide, standardized assessments, the 891 district must inform the parent in writing and provide the 892 parent with information regarding the impact on the student's 893 ability to meet expected performance levels. A parent must 894 provide signed consent for a student to receive classroom 895 instructional accommodations that would not be available or 896 permitted on a statewide, standardized assessment and 897 acknowledge in writing that he or she understands the 898 implications of such instructional accommodations. 899 c. If a student's IEP states that online administration of

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581-00793A-24 20247004pb 900 a statewide, standardized assessment will significantly impair 901 the student's ability to perform, the assessment must shall be 902 administered in hard copy. 903 4. For students with significant cognitive disabilities, 904 the Department of Education shall provide for implementation of 905 the Florida Alternate Assessment to accurately measure the core 906 curricular content established in the state academic standards. 907 (7) ASSESSMENT SCHEDULES AND REPORTING OF RESULTS.-908 (b) By January of each year, the commissioner shall publish 909 on the department's website a uniform calendar that includes the 910 assessment and reporting schedules for, at a minimum, the next 2 911 school years. The uniform calendar must be provided to school 912 districts in an electronic format that allows each school 913 district and public school to populate the calendar with, at 914 minimum, the following information for reporting the district 915 assessment schedules under paragraph (d): 916 1. Whether the assessment is a district-required assessment 917 or a state-required assessment. 918 2. The specific date or dates that each assessment will be 919 administered, including administrations of the coordinated 920 screening and progress monitoring system under s. 1008.25(9)(b). 921 3. The time allotted to administer each assessment. 922 4. Whether the assessment is a computer-based assessment or 923 a paper-based assessment. 924 5. The grade level or subject area associated with the 92.5 assessment. 926 6. The date that the assessment results are expected to be 927 available to teachers and parents. 928 7. The type of assessment, the purpose of the assessment,

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     and the use of the assessment results.
          8. A glossary of assessment terminology.
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          9. Estimates of average time for administering state-
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     required and district-required assessments, by grade level.
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          (c) (d) Each school district shall, by November 1 of each
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     year, establish schedules for the administration of any
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     statewide, standardized assessments and district-required
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     assessments and approve the schedules as an agenda item at a
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     district school board meeting. Each school district shall
     publish the testing schedules on its website which specify
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     whether an assessment is a state-required or district-required
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     assessment and the grade bands or subject area associated with
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     the assessments using the uniform calendar, including all
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     information required under paragraph (b), and submit the
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     schedules to the Department of Education by October 1 of each
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     year. Each public school shall publish schedules for statewide,
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     standardized assessments and district-required assessments on
     its website using the uniform calendar, including all
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     information required under paragraph (b). The school board-
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     approved assessment uniform calendar must be included in the
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     parent guide required by s. 1002.23(5).
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          (d) (e) A school district may not schedule more than 5
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     percent of a student's total school hours in a school year to
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     administer statewide, standardized assessments; the coordinated
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     screening and progress monitoring system under s. s.
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     1008.25(9)(b)2.; and district-required local assessments. The
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     district shall must secure written consent from a student's
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     parent before administering district-required local assessments
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     that, after applicable statewide, standardized assessments and
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958 coordinated screening and progress monitoring are scheduled, 959 exceed the 5 percent test administration limit for that student 960 under this paragraph. The 5 percent test administration limit 961 for a student under this paragraph may be exceeded as needed to 962 provide test accommodations that are required by an IEP or are 963 appropriate for an English language learner who is currently 964 receiving services in a program operated in accordance with an 965 approved English language learner district plan pursuant to s. 966 1003.56. Notwithstanding this paragraph, a student may choose within a school year to take an examination or assessment 967 968 adopted by State Board of Education rule pursuant to this 969 section and ss. 1007.27, 1008.30, and 1008.44.

970 (g) (h) The results of statewide, standardized assessment in 971 ELA and mathematics, science, and social studies, including 972 assessment retakes, must shall be reported in an easy-to-read 973 and understandable format and delivered in time to provide 974 useful, actionable information to students, parents, and each 975 student's current teacher of record and teacher of record for 976 the subsequent school year; however, in any case, the district 977 shall provide the results pursuant to this paragraph within 1 978 week after receiving the results from the department. A report 979 of student assessment results must, at a minimum, contain:

980 1. A clear explanation of the student's performance on the 981 applicable statewide, standardized assessments.

982 2. Information identifying the student's areas of strength983 and areas in need of improvement.

984 3. Specific actions that may be taken, and the available 985 resources that may be used, by the student's parent to assist 986 his or her child based on the student's areas of strength and

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581-00793A-24 20247004pb 987 areas in need of improvement. 988 4. Longitudinal information, if available, on the student's 989 progress in each subject area based on previous statewide, 990 standardized assessment data. 991 5. Comparative information showing the student's score 992 compared to other students in the school district, in the state, 993 or, if available, in other states. 994 6. Predictive information, if available, showing the 995 linkage between the scores attained by the student on the 996 statewide, standardized assessments and the scores he or she may 997 potentially attain on nationally recognized college entrance 998 examinations. 999 1000 The information included under this paragraph relating to results from the statewide, standardized ELA assessments for 1001 1002 grades 3 through 10 and Mathematics assessments for grades 3 1003 through 8 must be included in individual student reports under 1004 s. 1008.25(9)(c). 1005 (9) CONCORDANT SCORES.-The Commissioner of Education must 1006 identify scores on the SAT and ACT that if achieved satisfy the 1007 graduation requirement that a student pass the grade 10 ELA 1008 assessment. The commissioner may identify concordant scores on 1009 assessments other than the SAT and ACT. If the content or 1010 scoring procedures change for the grade 10 ELA assessment, new 1011 concordant scores must be determined. If new concordant scores 1012 are not timely adopted, the last-adopted concordant scores 1013 remain in effect until such time as new scores are adopted. The 1014 state board shall adopt concordant scores in rule. 1015 (10) COMPARATIVE SCORES FOR END-OF-COURSE (EOC)

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581-00793A-24 20247004pb 1016 ASSESSMENT. The Commissioner of Education must identify one or 1017 more comparative scores for the Algebra I EOC assessment. If the 1018 content or scoring procedures change for the EOC assessment, new 1019 comparative scores must be determined. If new comparative scores 1020 are not timely adopted, the last-adopted comparative scores 1021 remain in effect until such time as new scores are adopted. The 1022 state board shall adopt comparative scores in rule. 1023 Section 27. Paragraph (c) of subsection (5), paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsections (7), and subsection (9) of section 1024 1008.25, Florida Statutes, are amended, to read: 1025 1026 1008.25 Public school student progression; student support; 1027 coordinated screening and progress monitoring; reporting 1028 requirements.-(5) READING DEFICIENCY AND PARENTAL NOTIFICATION.-1029 1030 (c) To be promoted to grade 4, a student must score a Level 1031 2 or higher on the statewide, standardized English Language Arts 1032 assessment required under s. 1008.22 for grade 3. If a student's 1033 reading deficiency is not remedied by the end of grade 3, as 1034 demonstrated by scoring Level 2 or higher on the statewide, 1035 standardized assessment required under s. 1008.22 for grade 3, 1036 the student must be retained unless the parent determines 1037 retention is not in the best interest of the student and 1038 approves a good cause exemption pursuant to paragraph (7) (b). (7) ELIMINATION OF SOCIAL PROMOTION.-1039 1040 (b) The district school board may only exempt students from 1041

1041 mandatory retention, as provided in paragraph (5)(c), for good 1042 cause. A student who is promoted to grade 4 with a good cause 1043 exemption shall be provided intensive reading instruction and 1044 intervention that include specialized diagnostic information and

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581-00793A-24 20247004pb 1045 specific reading strategies to meet the needs of each student so 1046 promoted. The school district shall assist schools and teachers 1047 with the implementation of explicit, systematic, and 1048 multisensory reading instruction and intervention strategies for 1049 students promoted with a good cause exemption which research has 1050 shown to be successful in improving reading among students who 1051 have reading difficulties. Good cause exemptions are limited to 1052 the following: 1053 1. Limited English proficient students who have had less 1054 than 2 years of instruction in an English for Speakers of Other 1055 Languages program based on the initial date of entry into a 1056 school in the United States. 2. Students with disabilities whose individual education 1057 1058 plan indicates that participation in the statewide assessment 1059 program is not appropriate, consistent with the requirements of 1060 s. 1008.212. 1061 3. Students who demonstrate an acceptable level of 1062 performance on an alternative standardized reading or English 1063 Language Arts assessment approved by the State Board of 1064 Education. 1065 4. A student who demonstrates through a student portfolio 1066 that he or she is performing at least at Level 2 on the 1067 statewide, standardized English Language Arts assessment. 1068 5. Students with disabilities who take the statewide, 1069 standardized English Language Arts assessment and who have an 1070 individual education plan or a Section 504 plan that reflects that the student has received intensive instruction in reading 1071 1072 or English Language Arts for more than 2 years but still

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demonstrates a deficiency and was previously retained in

581-00793A-24 20247004pb 1074 prekindergarten, kindergarten, grade 1, grade 2, or grade 3. 1075 6. Students who have received intensive reading 1076 intervention for 2 or more years but still demonstrate a 1077 deficiency in reading and who were previously retained in 1078 kindergarten, grade 1, grade 2, or grade 3 for a total of 2 1079 years. A student may not be retained more than once in grade 3. 1080 7. A student must be promoted to grade 4 if the parent 1081 determines promotion is in the best interest of the student. The 1082 parent and the school must develop a student intervention plan. 1083 The intervention plan must be approved by the parent and may 1084 include, but is not limited to, interventions and supports under 1085 paragraph (5)(e) and subsection (8). (c) Requests for good cause exemptions for students from 1086 1087 the mandatory retention requirement as described in 1088 subparagraphs (b)3. and 4. shall be made consistent with the 1089 following: 1090 1. Documentation shall be submitted from the student's

1091 teacher to the school principal that indicates that the 1092 promotion of the student is appropriate and is based upon the 1093 student's academic record. In order to minimize paperwork 1094 requirements, such documentation shall consist only of the 1095 existing progress monitoring plan, individual educational plan, 1096 if applicable, report card, or student portfolio.

1097 2. The school principal shall review and discuss such 1098 recommendation with the teacher and make the determination as to 1099 whether the student should be promoted or retained, subject to a 1100 parent's permission pursuant to subparagraph (b)7. If the school 1101 principal determines that the student should be promoted, the 1102 school principal shall make such recommendation in writing to

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581-00793A-24 20247004pb 1103 the district school superintendent. The district school 1104 superintendent shall accept or reject the school principal's 1105 recommendation in writing. (9) COORDINATED SCREENING AND PROGRESS MONITORING SYSTEM.-1106 1107 (a) The Department of Education, in collaboration with the 1108 Office of Early Learning, shall procure and require the use of a 1109 statewide, standardized coordinated screening and progress 1110 monitoring system for the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education 1111 Program and public schools. The system must: 1112 1. Measure student progress in meeting the appropriate 1113 expectations in early literacy and mathematics skills and in 1114 English Language Arts and mathematics standards as required by 1115 ss. 1002.67(1)(a) and 1003.41 and identify the educational 1116 strengths and needs of students. 1117 2. For students in the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program through grade 3, measure student performance in oral 1118 1119 language development, phonological and phonemic awareness, 1120 knowledge of print and letters, decoding, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension, as applicable by grade level, and, at a 1121 1122 minimum, provide interval level and norm-referenced data that 1123 measures equivalent levels of growth. 1124 3. Be a valid, reliable, and developmentally appropriate

1125 computer-based direct instrument that provides screening and 1126 diagnostic capabilities for monitoring student progress; 1127 identifies students who have a substantial deficiency in reading 1128 or mathematics, including identifying students with 1129 characteristics of dyslexia, dyscalculia, and other learning 1130 disorders; and informs instruction. Any student identified by 1131 the system as having characteristics of dyslexia or dyscalculia

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581-00793A-24 20247004pb 1132 shall undergo further screening. Beginning with the 2023-2024 1133 school year, the coordinated screening and progress monitoring 1134 system must be computer-adaptive. 4. Provide data for Voluntary Prekindergarten Education 1135 1136 Program accountability as required under s. 1002.68. 1137 5. Provide Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program 1138 providers, school districts, schools, teachers, and parents with 1139 data and resources that enhance differentiated instruction and 1140 parent communication. 1141 6. Provide baseline data to the department of each 1142 student's readiness for kindergarten. The determination of 1143 kindergarten readiness must be based on the results of each 1144 student's initial progress monitoring assessment in kindergarten. The methodology for determining a student's 1145 1146 readiness for kindergarten must be developed by the department 1147 and aligned to the methodology adopted pursuant to s. 1148 1002.68(4). 1149 7. Assess how well educational goals and curricular 1150 standards are met at the provider, school, district, and state

1151 levels and provide information to the department to aid in the 1152 development of educational programs, policies, and supports for 1153 providers, districts, and schools.

(b) Beginning with the 2022-2023 school year, private Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program providers and public schools must participate in the coordinated screening and progress monitoring system pursuant to this paragraph.

1158 1. For students in the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education 1159 Program through grade 2, the coordinated screening and progress 1160 monitoring system must be administered at least three times

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581-00793A-24 20247004pb 1161 within a program year or school year, as applicable, with the 1162 first administration occurring no later than the first 10 30 1163 instructional days after a student's enrollment or the start of the program year or school year, the second administration 1164 1165 occurring midyear, and the third administration occurring within 1166 the last 10 30 days of the program or school year pursuant to state board rule. The state board may adopt alternate timeframes 1167 to address nontraditional school year calendars or summer 1168 1169 programs to ensure the coordinated screening and progress 1170 monitoring program is administered a minimum of three times 1171 within a year or program. 2. For students in the summer prekindergarten program, the 1172 1173 coordinated screening and progress monitoring system must be 1174 administered two times, with the first administration occurring

1175 no later than the first 10 instructional days after a student's 1176 enrollment or the start of the summer prekindergarten program, 1177 and the second administration occurring within the last 10 days 1178 of the summer prekindergarten program pursuant to state board 1179 rule.

1180 3. For grades 3 through 10 English Language Arts and grades 1181 3 through 8 Mathematics, the coordinated screening and progress 1182 monitoring system must be administered at the beginning, middle, 1183 and end of the school year pursuant to state board rule. The 1184 end-of-year administration of the coordinated screening and 1185 progress monitoring system must be a comprehensive progress monitoring assessment administered in accordance with the 1186 scheduling requirements under s. 1008.22(7) s. 1008.22(7)(c). 1187

(c) To facilitate timely interventions and supports
pursuant to subsection (4), the system must provide results from

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581-00793A-24 20247004pb 1190 the first two administrations of the progress monitoring to a 1191 student's teacher within 1 week and to the student's parent 1192 within 2 weeks of the administration of the progress monitoring. Delivery of results from the comprehensive, end-of-year progress 1193 1194 monitoring ELA assessment for grades 3 through 10 and Mathematics assessment for grades 3 through 8 must be in 1195 1196 accordance with s. 1008.22(7) s. 1008.22(7)(h). 1. A student's results from the coordinated screening and 1197 1198 progress monitoring system must be recorded in a written, easy-1199 to-comprehend individual student report. Each school district 1200 shall provide a parent secure access to his or her child's 1201 individual student reports through a web-based portal as part of 1202 its student information system. Each early learning coalition 1203 shall provide parents the individual student report in a format 1204 determined by state board rule. 1205 2. In addition to the information under subparagraph (a)5., 1206 the report must also include parent resources that explain the 1207 purpose of progress monitoring, assist the parent in 1208 interpreting progress monitoring results, and support informed 1209 parent involvement. Parent resources may include personalized 1210 video formats. 1211 3. The department shall annually update school districts 1212 and early learning coalitions on new system features and 1213 functionality and collaboratively identify with school districts 1214 and early learning coalitions strategies for meaningfully 1215 reporting to parents results from the coordinated screening and 1216 progress monitoring system. The department shall develop ways to 1217 increase the utilization, by instructional staff and parents, of 1218 student assessment data and resources.

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581-00793A-24 20247004pb 1219 4. An individual student report must be provided in a 1220 printed format upon a parent's request. 1221 (d) Screening and progress monitoring system results, 1222 including the number of students who demonstrate characteristics 1223 of dyslexia and dyscalculia, shall be reported to the department 1224 pursuant to state board rule and maintained in the department's 1225 Education Data Warehouse. Results must be provided to a 1226 student's teacher and parent in a timely manner as required in 1227 s. 1008.22(7)(f) s. 1008.22(7)(g). 1228 (e) The department, in collaboration with the Office of

1229 Early Learning, shall provide training and support for effective 1230 implementation of the screening and progress monitoring system.

1231Section 28. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) and subsection1232(4) of section 1008.33, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1008.33 Authority to enforce public school improvement.- (3)

1235 (c) The state board shall adopt by rule a differentiated 1236 matrix of intervention and support strategies for assisting 1237 traditional public schools identified under this section and 1238 rules for implementing s. 1002.33(9)(n), relating to charter 1239 schools. The intervention and support strategies must address 1240 student performance and may include improvement planning; 1241 leadership quality improvement; educator quality improvement; 1242 professional development; curriculum review, pacing, and 1243 alignment across grade levels to improve background knowledge in 1244 social studies, science, and the arts; and the use of continuous 1245 improvement and monitoring plans and processes. In addition, the 1246 state board may prescribe reporting requirements to review and 1247 monitor the progress of the schools. The rule must define the

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581-00793A-24 20247004pb 1248 intervention and support strategies for school improvement for 1249 schools earning a grade of "D" or "F" and the roles for the district and department. A school may not be required to use the 1250 1251 measure of student learning growth in s. 1012.34(7) as the sole 1252 determinant to recruit instructional personnel. The rule must 1253 create a timeline for a school district's school improvement 1254 plan or district-managed turnaround plan to be approved and for 1255 the school improvement funds under Title I to be released to the 1256 school district. The timeline established in rule for the 1257 release of school improvement funding under Title I may not 1258 exceed 20 calendar days after the approval of the school 1259 improvement plan or district-managed turnaround plan.

1260 (4) (a) The state board shall apply intensive intervention and support strategies tailored to the needs of schools earning 1261 1262 two consecutive grades of "D" or a grade of "F." In the first full school year after a school initially earns a grade of "D," 1263 1264 the school district must immediately implement intervention and 1265 support strategies prescribed in rule under paragraph (3)(c). 1266 For a school that initially earns a grade of "F" or a second 1267 consecutive grade of "D," the school district must either 1268 continue implementing or immediately begin implementing 1269 intervention and support strategies prescribed in rule under 1270 paragraph (3)(c) and provide the department, by September 15 \pm , 1271 with the memorandum of understanding negotiated pursuant to s. 1272 1001.42(21) and, by October 1, a district-managed turnaround 1273 plan for approval by the state board. The district-managed 1274 turnaround plan may include a proposal for the district to 1275 implement an extended school day, a summer program, a 1276 combination of an extended school day and a summer program, or

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581-00793A-24 20247004pb 1277 any other option authorized under paragraph (b) for state board 1278 approval. A school district is not required to wait until a 1279 school earns a second consecutive grade of "D" to submit a 1280 turnaround plan for approval by the state board under this 1281 paragraph. Upon approval by the state board, the school district 1282 must implement the plan for the remainder of the school year and 1283 continue the plan for 4 1 full school years year. The state 1284 board may allow a school an additional year of implementation 1285 before the school must implement a turnaround option required under paragraph (b) if the school earns a first grade of "C" or 1286 1287 higher after the fourth it determines that the school is likely 1288 to improve to a grade of "C" or higher after the first full 1289 school year of implementation.

(b) Unless an additional year of implementation is provided pursuant to paragraph (a), A school that, during the completes a plan cycle under paragraph (a), and does not improve to a grade of "B" or higher or does not improve and maintain to a grade of "C" for 2 consecutive years or higher must implement one of the following:

1296 1. Reassign students to another school and monitor the 1297 progress of each reassigned student;

1298 2. Close the school and reopen the school as one or more 1299 charter schools, each with a governing board that has a 1300 demonstrated record of effectiveness; or

1301 3. Contract with an outside entity that has a demonstrated 1302 record of effectiveness to provide turnaround services 1303 identified in state board rule, which may include school 1304 leadership, educational modalities, teacher and leadership 1305 professional development, curriculum, operation and management

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581-00793A-24 20247004pb 1306 services, school-based administrative staffing, budgeting, 1307 scheduling, other educational service provider functions, or any combination thereof. Selection of an outside entity may include 1308 1309 one or a combination of the following: 1310 a. An external operator, which may be a district-managed 1311 charter school or a high-performing charter school network in 1312 which all instructional personnel are not employees of the school district, but are employees of an independent governing 1313 board composed of members who did not participate in the review 1314 1315 or approval of the charter. 1316 b. A contractual agreement that allows for a charter school 1317 network or any of its affiliated subsidiaries to provide 1318 individualized consultancy services tailored to address the 1319 identified needs of one or more schools under this section. 1320 c. A contractual agreement that allows for the school to 1321 become a community school model as defined in s. 1003.64(2)(c). 1322 1323 A school district and outside entity under this subparagraph 1324 must enter, at minimum, a 2-year, performance-based contract. 1325 The contract must include school performance and growth metrics 1326 the outside entity must meet on an annual basis. The state board 1327 may require the school district to modify or cancel the 1328 contract. 1329 (c) Implementation of a turnaround option is not required if the school improved and maintained a grade of "C" or higher 1330 1331 for 2 consecutive years, under paragraph (a). Implementation of 1332 the turnaround option is not no longer required if the school improves to a grade of "C" or higher, under paragraph (b). 1333 1334 (d) If a school earning two consecutive grades of "D" or a

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1335	grade of "F" does not improve to a grade of "C" or higher after
1336	2 school years of implementing the turnaround option selected by
1337	the school district under paragraph (b), the school district
1338	must implement another turnaround option. Implementation of the
1339	turnaround option must begin the school year following the
1340	implementation period of the existing turnaround option, unless
1341	the state board determines that the school is likely to improve
1342	to a grade of "C" or higher if additional time is provided to
1343	implement the existing turnaround option.
1344	Section 29. Section 1008.332, Florida Statutes, is amended
1345	to read:
1346	1008.332 Committee of practitioners pursuant to federal
1347	Every Student Succeeds No Child Left Behind Act.—The Department

1348 of Education shall establish a committee of practitioners 1349 pursuant to federal requirements of the Every Student Succeeds 1350 No Child Left Behind Act of 2015 2001. The committee members 1351 shall be appointed by the Commissioner of Education and shall 1352 annually report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, 1353 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by January 1. 1354 The committee shall meet regularly and is authorized to review 1355 potential rules and policies that will be considered by the 1356 State Board of Education.

1357Section 30. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) and subsection1358(5) of section 1008.34, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1359 1008.34 School grading system; school report cards; 1360 district grade.-

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(3) DESIGNATION OF SCHOOL GRADES.-

(c)1. The calculation of a school grade shall be based on the percentage of points earned from the components listed in

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1364	subparagraph (b)1. and, if applicable, subparagraph (b)2. The
1365	State Board of Education shall adopt in rule a school grading
1366	scale that sets the percentage of points needed to earn each of
1367	the school grades listed in subsection (2). There shall be at
1368	least five percentage points separating the percentage
1369	thresholds needed to earn each of the school grades. The state
1370	board shall annually review the percentage of school grades of
1371	"A" and "B" for the school year to determine whether to adjust
1372	the school grading scale upward for the following school year's
1373	school grades. The first adjustment would occur no earlier than
1374	the 2023-2024 school year. An adjustment must be made if the
1375	percentage of schools earning a grade of "A" or "B" in the
1376	current year represents 75 percent or more of all graded schools
1377	within a particular school type, which consists of elementary,
1378	middle, high, and combination. The adjustment must reset the
1379	minimum required percentage of points for each grade of "A,"
1380	"B," "C," or "D" at the next highest percentage ending in the
1381	numeral 5 or 0, whichever is closest to the current percentage.
1382	Annual reviews of the percentage of schools earning a grade of
1383	"A" or "B" and adjustments to the required points must be
1384	suspended when the following grading scale for a specific school
1385	type is achieved:
1386	a. Ninety percent or more of the points for a grade of "A."
1387	b. Eighty to eighty-nine percent of the points for a grade
1388	of "B."
1389	c. Seventy to seventy-nine percent of the points for a
1390	grade of "C."
1391	d. Sixty to sixty-nine percent of the points for a grade of
1392	"D."
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When the state board adjusts the grading scale upward, the state board must inform the public of the degree of the adjustment and its anticipated impact on school grades. <u>Any changes made by the</u> state board to components in the school grades model or to the school grading scale shall go into effect in the following <u>school year, at the earliest.</u>

1400 2. The calculation of school grades may not include any 1401 provision that would raise or lower the school's grade beyond 1402 the percentage of points earned. Extra weight may not be added 1403 in the calculation of any components.

1404 (5) DISTRICT GRADE.-Beginning with the 2014-2015 school 1405 year, a school district's grade shall include a district-level 1406 calculation of the components under paragraph (3)(b). This 1407 calculation methodology captures each eligible student in the 1408 district who may have transferred among schools within the 1409 district or is enrolled in a school that does not receive a 1410 grade. The department shall develop a district report card that includes the district grade; the information required under s. 1411 1412 1008.345(3) s. 1008.345(5); measures of the district's progress 1413 in closing the achievement gap between higher-performing student 1414 subgroups and lower-performing student subgroups; measures of 1415 the district's progress in demonstrating Learning Gains of its 1416 highest-performing students; measures of the district's success 1417 in improving student attendance; the district's grade-level promotion of students scoring achievement levels 1 and 2 on 1418 1419 statewide, standardized English Language Arts and Mathematics 1420 assessments; and measures of the district's performance in 1421 preparing students for the transition from elementary to middle

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1422	school, middle to high school, and high school to postsecondary
1423	institutions and careers.
1424	Section 31. Subsections (3), (4), and (5) of section
1425	1008.345, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
1426	1008.345 Implementation of state system of school
1427	improvement and education accountability
1428	(3) The annual feedback report shall be developed by the
1429	Department of Education.
1430	(4) The commissioner shall review each district school
1431	board's feedback report and submit findings to the State Board
1432	of Education. If adequate progress is not being made toward
1433	implementing and maintaining a system of school improvement and
1434	education accountability, the State Board of Education shall
1435	direct the commissioner to prepare and implement a corrective
1436	action plan. The commissioner and State Board of Education shall
1437	monitor the development and implementation of the corrective
1438	action plan.
1439	<u>(3)</u> The commissioner shall annually report to the State
1440	Board of Education and the Legislature and recommend changes in
1441	state policy necessary to foster school improvement and

1442 education accountability. The report must shall include: 1443 (a) for each school district:

1444 <u>(a)</u> 1. The percentage of students, by school and grade 1445 level, demonstrating learning growth in English Language Arts 1446 and mathematics.

1447 (b)^{2.} The percentage of students, by school and grade 1448 level, in both the highest and lowest quartiles demonstrating 1449 learning growth in English Language Arts and mathematics.

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(c) 3. The information contained in the school district's

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1451	annual report required pursuant to s. 1008.25(10).
1452	(b) Intervention and support strategies used by school
1453	districts whose students in both the highest and lowest
1454	quartiles exceed the statewide average learning growth for
1455	students in those quartiles.
1456	(c) Intervention and support strategies used by school
1457	districts whose schools provide educational services to youth in
1458	Department of Juvenile Justice programs that demonstrate
1459	learning growth in English Language Arts and mathematics that
1460	exceeds the statewide average learning growth for students in
1461	those subjects.
1462	(d) Based upon a review of each school district's reading
1463	instruction plan submitted pursuant to s. 1003.4201,
1464	intervention and support strategies used by school districts
1465	that were effective in improving the reading performance of
1466	students, as indicated by student performance data, who are
1467	identified as having a substantial reading deficiency pursuant
1468	to s. 1008.25(5)(a).
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1470	School reports <u>must</u> shall be distributed pursuant to this
1471	subsection and s. 1001.42(18)(c) and according to rules adopted
1472	by the State Board of Education.
1473	Section 32. Paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of section
1474	1000.05, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
1475	1000.05 Discrimination against students and employees in
1476	the Florida K-20 public education system prohibited; equality of
1477	access required
1478	(2)
1479	(d) Students may be separated by sex for a single-gender

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1480	program as provided under s. 1002.311, for any portion of a
1481	class that deals with human reproduction, or during
1482	participation in bodily contact sports. For the purpose of this
1483	section, bodily contact sports include wrestling, boxing, rugby,
1484	ice hockey, football, basketball, and other sports in which the
1485	purpose or major activity involves bodily contact.
1486	Section 33. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.