A bill to be entitled
An act relating to education; requiring that the
technology infrastructure, connectivity, and capacity
of all public schools and school districts that
administer statewide standardized assessments pursuant
to s. 1008.22, F.S., be load tested and independently
verified as appropriate, adequate, efficient, and
sustainable; requiring that full implementation of
online common core assessments for all kindergarten
through grade 12 public school students occur only
after the technology infrastructure, connectivity, and
capacity of all public schools and school districts
have been load tested and independently verified as
ready for successful deployment and implementation;
amending s. 1000.21, F.S.; modifying a definition;
providing that certain common core standards are part
of the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards;
directing the Division of Law Revision and Information
to change the term “Sunshine State Standards” to “Next
Generation Sunshine State Standards” wherever the term
appears in Florida Statutes; providing an effective
date.

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

Section 1. The technology infrastructure, connectivity, and
capacity of all public schools and school districts that
administer statewide standardized assessments pursuant to s.
1008.22, Florida Statutes, including online assessments, shall
be load tested and independently verified as appropriate, adequate, efficient, and sustainable.

Section 2. Full implementation of online common core assessments for all kindergarten through grade 12 public school students shall occur only after the technology infrastructure, connectivity, and capacity of all public schools and school districts have been load tested and independently verified as ready for successful deployment and implementation.

Section 3. Subsection (7) of section 1000.21, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1000.21 Systemwide definitions.—As used in the Florida K-20 Education Code:

(7) “Sunshine State Standards” or the “Next Generation Sunshine State Standards” means the state’s public K-12 curricular standards, including common core standards in English/Language Arts and Mathematics, adopted under s. 1003.41. The term includes the Sunshine State Standards that are in place for a subject until the standards for that subject are replaced under s. 1003.41 by the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards.

Section 4. The Division of Law Revision and Information shall change “Sunshine State Standards” to “Next Generation Sunshine State Standards” wherever it appears in Florida Statutes.

Section 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.