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By Senator Ring

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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to concordant assessment scores
3	for the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test;
4	amending s. 1008.22, F.S.; providing that
5	certain concordant subject area scores satisfy
б	various assessment requirements concerning
7	graduation from high school; exempting a
8	student who attains a concordant subject area
9	score from taking the FCAT in that subject
10	area; amending s. 1003.429, F.S.; providing for
11	the retention of a student achieving certain
12	concordant scores in the accelerated 3-year
13	graduation option; providing an effective date.
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15	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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17	Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (9) of section
18	1008.22, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
19	1008.22 Student assessment program for public
20	schools
21	(9) CONCORDANT SCORES FOR THE FCAT
22	(b) In order to use A <u>student who attains a</u> concordant
23	subject area score pursuant to this subsection <u>satisfies</u> to
24	satisfy the assessment requirement in that subject area for a
25	standard high school diploma as provided in s. 1003.429(6)(a),
26	s. 1003.43(5)(a), or s. 1003.428, <u>and may not, notwithstanding</u>
27	any other law, be required to take the FCAT in that subject
28	<u>area.</u> a student must take each subject area of the grade 10
29	FCAT a total of three times without earning a passing score.
30	The requirements of this paragraph shall not apply to a new
31	student who enters the Florida public school system in grade
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1 12, who may either achieve a passing score on the FCAT or 2 an approved subject area concordant score to fulfill the 3 graduation requirement. 4 Section 2. Subsection (8) of section 1003.429, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 5 б 1003.429 Accelerated high school graduation options.--7 (8) A student who selected one of the accelerated 8 3-year graduation options shall automatically move to the 4-year program set forth in s. 1003.43 if the student: 9 10 (a) Exercises his or her right to change to the 4-year 11 program; 12 (b) Fails to earn 5 credits by the end of grade 9 or 13 fails to earn 11 credits by the end of grade 10; (c) Does not attain achieve a score of 3 or higher on 14 the grade 10 FCAT Writing assessment or a concordant score as 15 described in s. 1003.22(9); or 16 17 (d) By the end of grade 11 does not meet the 18 requirements of subsections (1) and (6). Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007. 19 20 21 22 SENATE SUMMARY 23 Provides that certain scores adopted by the Commissioner of Education as a concordant subject area score satisfy various assessment requirements concerning graduation 2.4 from high school. Exempts students attaining such a 25 concordant subject area score from taking the FCAT in that subject area. Provides for retention of students 26 achieving certain concordant scores in the accelerated 3-year graduation option. 27 28 29 30 31

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