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The Committee on Education (Legg) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Between lines 805 and 806  
insert:

Section 9. (1) Based on documentation from a physician licensed under chapter 458, Florida Statutes, and after reviewing the district school board superintendent's recommendation, the Commissioner of Education must grant:

(a) A permanent exemption from taking statewide, standardized assessments to a student who, as determined by a physician licensed pursuant to chapter 458, Florida Statutes, is



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12 a "child with medical complexity." For purposes of this  
13 paragraph, the term "child with medical complexity" means a  
14 child who has medical fragility and intensive care needs due to  
15 a congenital or acquired multisystem disease, a severe  
16 neurologic condition with marked functional impairment, or  
17 technology dependent for activities of daily living.

18 (b) A one-year exemption from taking statewide,  
19 standardized assessments to a student who suffers from such a  
20 significant cognitive or physical disability that the student  
21 temporarily lacks the capacity to take statewide, standardized  
22 assessments.

23 (2) A parent may request that the student participate in  
24 statewide, standardized assessments, including, but not limited  
25 to, the Florida Alternate Assessment, during the term of the  
26 exemption.

27 (3) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to  
28 administer this section, including, but not limited to,  
29 expediting the exemption process to demonstrate the utmost  
30 compassion and consideration for meeting the parent's and  
31 student's needs, and establishing deadlines for the  
32 superintendent to provide a recommendation to the commissioner.

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35 And the title is amended as follows:

36 Delete line 25

37 and insert:

38 correcting cross-references; requiring the  
39 Commissioner of Education to exempt students from  
40 taking statewide, standardized assessments under



41 certain circumstances; authorizing a parent to request  
42 that a student who is granted an exemption participate  
43 in statewide, standardized assessments; requiring the  
44 State Board of Education to adopt rules; providing an  
45 effective