

HB 903

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to public school educational  
3           assessments and accountability; suspending the use of  
4           statewide, standardized assessment results for  
5           purposes of student promotion, retention, or  
6           graduation and evaluation of instructional personnel  
7           and school administrators for specific school years;  
8           providing requirements for determining the promotion  
9           or retention of a grade 3 student; requiring a grade  
10          10 student to earn a concordant score to meet a  
11          specific graduation requirement; suspending school  
12          grades for specific school years; requiring the State  
13          Board of Education to adopt and implement a new school  
14          grading system by a specified date; providing  
15          requirements for the new school grading system;  
16          providing an effective date.

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

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20           Section 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law:  
21           (1) For the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school years, results  
22           from the statewide, standardized assessments in English Language  
23           Arts (ELA) and Mathematics administered pursuant to s. 1008.22,  
24           Florida Statutes, may not be used to determine the promotion or  
25           retention of a student, to satisfy graduation requirements to  
26           earn a standard high school diploma, or as evaluation criteria

27 for the annual evaluation of instructional personnel and school  
28 administrators. Determination of promotion or retention for a  
29 grade 3 student shall be made using the student's academic  
30 performance and report card and other evidence that demonstrates  
31 the student's mastery of Florida's academic standards for ELA.  
32 To satisfy the graduation requirement that a student pass the  
33 grade 10 ELA assessment, a grade 10 student must earn the  
34 appropriate concordant score on the SAT or ACT as determined by  
35 the Commissioner of Education pursuant to s. 1008.22, Florida  
36 Statutes.

37 (2) For the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school years, school  
38 grades, pursuant to s. 1008.34, Florida Statutes, shall be held  
39 in abeyance. Performance on the statewide, standardized  
40 assessments administered pursuant to s. 1008.22, Florida  
41 Statutes, shall serve as an informational baseline for schools  
42 to work toward improved performance in future years. A school  
43 may not be required to select and implement a turnaround option  
44 pursuant to s. 1008.33, Florida Statutes, in the 2016-2017 and  
45 2017-2018 school years.

46 (3) No later than July 1, 2017, the State Board of  
47 Education shall adopt and implement a school grading system that  
48 is demonstrably equitable, reliable, timely, rigorous,  
49 affordable, and rationally funded. The state board must include  
50 components representing the state's academic standards,  
51 classroom instruction, technology, and assessments in the new  
52 school grading system.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.