## LEGISLATIVE ACTION Senate House Comm: RS 04/03/2017

The Committee on Education (Simmons) recommended the following:

## Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

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Section 3. Paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (1) of section 1003.4156, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1003.4156 General requirements for middle grades promotion.-

(1) In order for a student to be promoted to high school from a school that includes middle grades 6, 7, and 8, the student must successfully complete the following courses:

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(b) Three middle grades or higher courses in mathematics. Each school that includes middle grades must offer at least one high school level mathematics course for which students may earn high school credit. Successful completion of a high school level Algebra I or Geometry course is not contingent upon the student's performance on the statewide, standardized Algebra I end-of-course (EOC) assessment. To earn high school credit for Algebra I, a middle grades student must take the statewide, standardized Algebra I EOC assessment and pass the course, and, in addition, beginning with the 2013-2014 school year and thereafter, a student's performance on the Algebra I EOC assessment constitutes 30 percent of the student's final course grade. To earn high school credit for a Geometry course, a middle grades student must take the statewide, standardized Geometry EOC assessment, which constitutes 30 percent of the student's final course grade, and earn a passing grade in the course.

(c) Three middle grades or higher courses in social studies. Beginning with students entering grade 6 in the 2012-2013 school year, One of these courses must be at least a onesemester civics education course that includes the roles and responsibilities of federal, state, and local governments; the structures and functions of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of government; and the meaning and significance of historic documents, such as the Articles of Confederation, the Declaration of Independence, and the Constitution of the United States. Beginning with the 2013-2014 school year, each student's performance on the statewide, standardized EOC assessment in civics education required under



s. 1008.22 constitutes 30 percent of the student's final course grade. A middle grades student who transfers into the state's public school system from out of country, out of state, a private school, or a home education program after the beginning of the second term of grade 8 is not required to meet the civics education requirement for promotion from the middle grades if the student's transcript documents passage of three courses in social studies or two year-long courses in social studies that include coverage of civics education.

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> Each school must inform parents about the course curriculum and activities. Each student shall complete a personal education plan that must be signed by the student and the student's parent. The Department of Education shall develop course frameworks and professional development materials for the career and education planning course. The course may be implemented as a stand-alone course or integrated into another course or courses. The Commissioner of Education shall collect longitudinal high school course enrollment data by student ethnicity in order to analyze course-taking patterns.

Section 4. Paragraphs (b) and (d) of subsection (3) and subsections (7) and (9) of section 1003.4282, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1003.4282 Requirements for a standard high school diploma.-

- (3) STANDARD HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA; COURSE AND ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS.-
- (b) Four credits in mathematics. A student must earn one credit in Algebra I and one credit in Geometry. A student's performance on the statewide, standardized Algebra I end-of-

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- (d) Three credits in social studies.—A student must earn one credit in United States History; one credit in World History; one-half credit in economics, which must include financial literacy; and one-half credit in United States Government. The United States History EOC assessment constitutes 30 percent of the student's final course grade.
- (7) UNIFORM TRANSFER OF HIGH SCHOOL CREDITS. Beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, If a student transfers to a Florida public high school from out of country, out of state, a private school, or a home education program and the student's transcript shows a credit in Algebra I, the student must pass the statewide, standardized Algebra I EOC assessment in order to earn a standard high school diploma unless the student earned a comparative score, passed a statewide assessment in Algebra I

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administered by the transferring entity, or passed the statewide Mathematics assessment the transferring entity uses to satisfy the requirements of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, 20 U.S.C. s. 6301. If a student's transcript shows a credit in high school reading or English Language Arts II or III, in order to earn a standard high school diploma, the student must take and pass the statewide, standardized grade 10 Reading assessment or, when implemented, the grade 10 ELA assessment, or earn a concordant score. If a transfer student's transcript shows a final course grade and course credit in Algebra I or, Geometry, Biology I, or United States History, the transferring course final grade and credit shall be honored without the student taking the requisite statewide, standardized EOC assessment and without the assessment result results constituting 30 percent of the student's final course grade.

- (9) COHORT TRANSITION TO NEW GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS. The requirements of this section, in addition to applying to students entering grade 9 in the 2013-2014 school year and thereafter, shall also apply to students entering grade 9 before the 2013-2014 school year, except as otherwise provided in this subsection.
- (a) A student entering grade 9 before the 2010-2011 school year must earn:
- 1. Four credits in English/ELA. A student must pass the statewide, standardized grade 10 Reading assessment, or earn a concordant score, in order to graduate with a standard high school diploma.
- 2. Four credits in mathematics, which must include Algebra I. A student must pass grade 10 FCAT Mathematics, or earn a

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- 3. Three credits in science, two of which must have a laboratory component. A student who takes Biology I after the 2010-2011 school year must take the statewide, standardized Biology I EOC assessment but is not required to pass the assessment in order to earn course credit. A student's performance on the assessment is not required to constitute 30 percent of the student's final course grade. A student who earns an industry certification for which there is a statewide college credit articulation agreement approved by the State Board of Education may substitute the certification for one science credit.
- 4. Three credits in social studies of which one credit in World History, one credit in United States History, one-half credit in United States Government, and one-half credit in economics are required. A student who takes United States History after the 2011-2012 school year must take the statewide, standardized United States History EOC assessment, but the

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- 5. One credit in fine or performing arts, speech and debate, or practical arts as provided in paragraph (3)(e).
- 6. One credit in physical education as provided in paragraph (3)(f).
  - 7. Eight credits in electives.
- (b) A student entering grade 9 in the 2010-2011 school year must earn:
- 1. Four credits in English/ELA. A student must pass the statewide, standardized grade 10 Reading assessment, or earn a concordant score, in order to graduate with a standard high school diploma.
- 2. Four credits in mathematics, which must include Algebra I and Geometry. The statewide, standardized Algebra I EOC assessment constitutes 30 percent of the student's final course grade. A student who takes Algebra I or Geometry after the 2010-2011 school year must take the statewide, standardized EOC assessment for the course but is not required to pass the assessment in order to earn course credit. A student's performance on the Geometry EOC assessment is not required to constitute 30 percent of the student's final course grade. A student who earns an industry certification for which there is a statewide college credit articulation agreement approved by the State Board of Education may substitute the certification for one mathematics credit. Substitution may occur for up to two mathematics credits, except for Algebra I and Geometry.
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- 4. Three credits in social studies of which one credit in World History, one credit in United States History, one-half credit in United States Government, and one-half credit in economics are required. A student who takes United States History after the 2011-2012 school year must take the statewide, standardized United States History EOC assessment, but the student's performance on the assessment is not required to constitute 30 percent of the student's final course grade.
- 5. One credit in fine or performing arts, speech and debate, or practical arts as provided in paragraph (3)(e).
- 6. One credit in physical education as provided in paragraph (3)(f).
  - 7. Eight credits in electives.
- (c) A student entering grade 9 in the 2011-2012 school year must earn:
- 1. Four credits in English/ELA. A student must pass the statewide, standardized grade 10 Reading assessment, or earn a concordant score, in order to graduate with a standard high school diploma.
  - 2. Four credits in mathematics, which must include Algebra

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- 3. Three credits in science, two of which must have a laboratory component. One of the science credits must be Biology I. A student who takes Biology I after the 2010-2011 school year must take the statewide, standardized Biology I EOC assessment but is not required to pass the assessment in order to earn course credit. A student's performance on the assessment is not required to constitute 30 percent of the student's final course grade. A student who earns an industry certification for which there is a statewide college credit articulation agreement approved by the State Board of Education may substitute the certification for one science credit, except for Biology I.
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- 5. One credit in fine or performing arts, speech and debate, or practical arts as provided in paragraph (3)(e).
- 6. One credit in physical education as provided in paragraph (3)(f).
  - 7. Eight credits in electives.
  - 8. One online course as provided in subsection (4).
- (d) A student entering grade 9 in the 2012-2013 school year must earn:
- 1. Four credits in English/ELA. A student must pass the statewide, standardized grade 10 Reading assessment, or earn a concordant score, in order to graduate with a standard high school diploma.
- 2. Four credits in mathematics, which must include Algebra I and Geometry. A student who takes Algebra I after the 2010-2011 school year must pass the statewide, standardized Algebra I EOC assessment, or earn a comparative score, in order to earn a standard high school diploma. A student who takes Geometry after the 2010-2011 school year must take the statewide, standardized Geometry EOC assessment. A student is not required to pass the statewide, standardized EOC assessment in Algebra I or Geometry in order to earn course credit. A student's performance on the Algebra I or Geometry EOC assessment is not required to constitute 30 percent of the student's final course grade. A student who earns an industry certification for which there is a

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- 3. Three credits in science, two of which must have a laboratory component. One of the science credits must be Biology I. A student who takes Biology I after the 2010-2011 school year must take the statewide, standardized Biology I EOC assessment but is not required to pass the assessment to earn course credit. A student's performance on the assessment is not required to constitute 30 percent of the student's final course grade. A student who earns an industry certification for which there is a statewide college credit articulation agreement approved by the State Board of Education may substitute the certification for one science credit, except for Biology I.
- 4. Three credits in social studies of which one credit in World History, one credit in United States History, one-half credit in United States Government, and one-half credit in economics are required. The statewide, standardized United States History EOC assessment constitutes 30 percent of the student's final course grade.
- 5. One credit in fine or performing arts, speech and debate, or practical arts as provided in paragraph (3)(e).
- 6. One credit in physical education as provided in paragraph (3)(f).
  - 7. Eight credits in electives.
  - 8. One online course as provided in subsection (4).
- (e) Policy adopted in rule by the district school board may require for any cohort of students that performance on a

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statewide, standardized EOC assessment constitute 30 percent of a student's final course grade.

- (f) This subsection is repealed July 1, 2020.
- Section 5. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 1003.4285, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
  - 1003.4285 Standard high school diploma designations.-
- (1) Each standard high school diploma shall include, as applicable, the following designations if the student meets the criteria set forth for the designation:
- (a) Scholar designation. In addition to the requirements of s. 1003.4282, in order to earn the Scholar designation, a student must satisfy the following requirements:
- 1. Mathematics.—Earn one credit in Algebra II and one credit in statistics or an equally rigorous course. Beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2014-2015 school year, pass the Algebra II and Geometry statewide, standardized assessments.
- 2. Science.—Pass the statewide, standardized Biology I EOC assessment and earn one credit in chemistry or physics and one credit in a course equally rigorous to chemistry or physics. However, a student enrolled in an Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), or Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) Biology course who takes the respective AP, IB, or AICE Biology assessment and earns the minimum score necessary to earn college credit as identified pursuant to s. 1007.27(2) meets the requirement of this subparagraph without having to take the statewide, standardized Biology I EOC assessment.
  - 3. Social studies.—Pass the statewide, standardized United

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States History EOC assessment. However, A student enrolled in an AP, IB, or AICE course that includes United States History topics who takes the respective AP, IB, or AICE assessment and earns the minimum score necessary to earn college credit as identified pursuant to s. 1007.27(2) meets the requirement of this subparagraph without having to take the statewide, standardized United States History EOC assessment.

- 4. Foreign language. Earn two credits in the same foreign language.
- 5. Electives.—Earn at least one credit in an Advanced Placement, an International Baccalaureate, an Advanced International Certificate of Education, or a dual enrollment course.
- Section 6. Paragraphs (b), (d), (e), and (g) of subsection (3) and paragraphs (a) and (e) of subsection (7) of section 1008.22, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
  - 1008.22 Student assessment program for public schools.-
- (3) STATEWIDE, STANDARDIZED ASSESSMENT PROGRAM.—The Commissioner of Education shall design and implement a statewide, standardized assessment program aligned to the core curricular content established in the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards. The commissioner also must develop or select and implement a common battery of assessment tools that will be used in all juvenile justice education programs in the state. These tools must accurately measure the core curricular content established in the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards. Participation in the assessment program is mandatory for all school districts and all students attending public schools, including adult students seeking a standard high school diploma

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under s. 1003.4282 and students in Department of Juvenile Justice education programs, except as otherwise provided by law. If a student does not participate in the assessment program, the school district must notify the student's parent and provide the parent with information regarding the implications of such nonparticipation. The statewide, standardized assessment program shall be designed and implemented as follows:

- (b) Algebra I and Biology I End-of-course (EOC) assessments.—The Algebra I and Biology I EOC assessments must be statewide, standardized, and developed or approved by the Department of Education. as follows:
- 1. EOC assessments for Algebra I and, Geometry, Algebra II, Biology I, United States History, and Civics shall be administered to students enrolled in such courses as specified in the course code directory.
- 2. Students enrolled in Algebra I and Biology I a course, as specified in the course code directory, with an associated statewide, standardized EOC assessment must take the EOC assessment for such course and may not take the corresponding subject or grade-level statewide, standardized assessment pursuant to paragraph (a). Sections 1003.4156 and 1003.4282 govern the use of statewide, standardized EOC assessment results for students.
- 3. The commissioner may select one or more nationally developed comprehensive examinations, which may include examinations for a College Board Advanced Placement course, International Baccalaureate course, or Advanced International Certificate of Education course, or industry-approved examinations to earn national industry certifications identified

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in the CAPE Industry Certification Funding List, for use as the Algebra I and Biology I EOC assessments under this paragraph if the commissioner determines that the content knowledge and skills assessed by the examinations meet or exceed the gradelevel expectations for the core curricular content established for Algebra I and Biology I the course in the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards. Use of any such examination as an EOC assessment must be approved by the state board in rule.

- 4. Contingent upon funding provided in the General Appropriations Act, including the appropriation of funds received through federal grants, the commissioner may establish an implementation schedule for the development and administration of additional statewide, standardized EOC assessments that must be approved by the state board in rule. If approved by the state board, student performance on such assessments constitutes 30 percent of a student's final course <del>grade.</del>
- 4.5. The Algebra I and Biology I All statewide, standardized EOC assessments must be administered online except as otherwise provided in paragraph (c).
  - (d) Implementation schedule.-
- 1. The Commissioner of Education shall establish and publish on the department's website an implementation schedule to transition from the statewide, standardized Reading and Writing assessments to the ELA assessments and to the revised Mathematics assessments, including the Algebra I and Geometry EOC assessment assessments. The schedule must take into consideration funding, sufficient field and baseline data, access to assessments, instructional alignment, and school

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district readiness to administer the assessments online. All such assessments must be delivered through computer-based testing, however, the following assessments must be delivered in a computer-based format, as follows: the grade 3 ELA assessment, beginning in the 2017-2018 school year; the grade 3 Mathematics assessment beginning in the 2016-2017 school year; the grade 4 ELA assessment, beginning in the 2015-2016 school year; and the grade 4 Mathematics assessment, beginning in the 2016-2017 school year.

- 2. The Department of Education shall publish minimum and recommended technology requirements that include specifications for hardware, software, networking, security, and broadband capacity to facilitate school district compliance with the requirement that assessments be administered online.
  - (e) Assessment scores and achievement levels.-
- 1. The All statewide, standardized Algebra I EOC assessment assessments and ELA, Mathematics, and Science assessments shall use scaled scores and achievement levels. Achievement levels shall range from 1 through 5, with level 1 being the lowest achievement level, level 5 being the highest achievement level, and level 3 indicating satisfactory performance on an assessment.
- 2. The state board shall designate by rule a passing score for each statewide, standardized assessment.
- 3. If the commissioner seeks to revise a statewide, standardized assessment and the revisions require the state board to modify performance level scores, including the passing score, the commissioner shall provide a copy of the proposed scores and implementation plan to the President of the Senate

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and the Speaker of the House of Representatives at least 90 days before submission to the state board for review. Until the state board adopts the modifications by rule, the commissioner shall use calculations for scoring the assessment that adjust student scores on the revised assessment for statistical equivalence to student scores on the former assessment. The state board shall adopt by rule the passing score for the revised assessment that is statistically equivalent to the passing score on the discontinued assessment for a student who is required to attain a passing score on the discontinued assessment. The commissioner may, with approval of the state board, discontinue administration of the former assessment upon the graduation, based on normal student progression, of students participating in the final regular administration of the former assessment. If the commissioner revises a statewide, standardized assessment and the revisions require the state board to modify the passing score, only students taking the assessment for the first time after the rule is adopted are affected.

- (q) Contracts for assessments.-
- 1. The commissioner shall provide for the assessments to be developed or obtained, as appropriate, through contracts and project agreements with private vendors, public vendors, public agencies, postsecondary educational institutions, or school districts.
- 2. The commissioner may enter into contracts for the continued administration of the assessments authorized and funded by the Legislature. Contracts may be initiated in 1 fiscal year and continue into the next fiscal year and may be paid from the appropriations of either or both fiscal years. The

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commissioner may negotiate for the sale or lease of tests, scoring protocols, test scoring services, and related materials developed pursuant to law.

- 3.2. A student's performance results on statewide, standardized assessments, Algebra I and Biology I EOC assessments, and Florida Alternative Assessments administered pursuant to this subsection must be provided to the student's teachers and parents by the end of the school year, unless the commissioner determines that extenuating circumstances exist and reports the extenuating circumstances to the State Board of Education and to school districts. This subparagraph does not apply to existing contracts for such assessments, but applies shall apply to new contracts and any renewal of existing contracts for such assessments.
- 4.3. If liquidated damages are applicable, the department shall collect liquidated damages that are due in response to the administration of the spring 2015 computer-based assessments of the department's Florida Standards Assessment contract with American Institutes for Research, and expend the funds to reimburse parties that incurred damages.
  - (7) ASSESSMENT SCHEDULES AND REPORTING OF RESULTS.-
- (a) The Commissioner of Education shall establish schedules for the administration of statewide, standardized assessments and the reporting of student assessment results. The commissioner shall consider the observance of religious and school holidays when developing the schedules. The assessment and reporting schedules must provide the earliest possible reporting of student assessment results to the school districts, consistent with the requirements of paragraph (3)(g). Assessment



results for the statewide, standardized ELA and Mathematics assessments and the all statewide, standardized Algebra I and Biology I EOC assessments must be made available no later than the week of June 8, except for results of assessments administered in the 2014-2015 school year. School districts shall administer statewide, standardized assessments in accordance with the schedule established by the commissioner.

(e) The Algebra I and Biology I A statewide, standardized EOC assessments assessment must be used as the final cumulative examination for its associated course. No additional final assessment may be administered in an Algebra I or Biology I  $\frac{1}{4}$ course with a statewide, standardized EOC assessment. A district-required local assessment may be used as the final cumulative examination for its associated course in accordance with the school district's policy.

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And the title is amended as follows: 522

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> assessment results; amending s. 1003.4156, F.S.; revising the mathematics and social studies requirements for student promotion to high school and for certain high school credits; amending s. 1003.4282, F.S.; revising the requirements for a standard high school diploma; deleting provisions requiring a student or transfer student to take a statewide, standardized Algebra II assessment or a Geometry or United States History end-of-course (EOC)

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assessment; amending s. 1003.4285, F.S.; revising the standard high school diploma designation requirements for mathematics and social studies; amending s. 1008.22, F.S.; deleting requirements that a student take an EOC assessment in Geometry, Algebra II, United States History, or Civics; deleting a provision authorizing the commissioner to establish a schedule for the development and administration of additional statewide, standardized EOC assessments; providing an effective date.