

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to student assessment; creating s.
 3 1008.255, F.S.; requiring the Department of Education to
 4 adopt grade-placement assessments for grades 1 through 8
 5 to determine grade placement for a student previously
 6 enrolled in a private school, a parochial, religious, or
 7 denominational school, a home education program, or a
 8 private tutoring program; requiring school districts to
 9 administer the assessments; providing for the use of
 10 assessments; providing parent responsibility; providing an
 11 effective date.

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

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 15 Section 1. Section 1008.255, Florida Statutes, is created
 16 to read:

17 1008.255 Grade-placement assessments.-

18 (1) The Department of Education shall adopt grade-
 19 placement assessments for grades 1 through 8 to determine the
 20 grade placement of a student enrolling in a public school who
 21 was enrolled the prior school year in a private school, a
 22 parochial, religious, or denominational school, a home education
 23 program, or a private tutoring program.

24 (2) Each school district shall administer the grade-
 25 placement assessment to a student enrolling in a public school
 26 in the district prior to grade placement. A grade-placement
 27 assessment shall provide objective data on the student's
 28 performance based on performance standards approved by the State

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29 Board of Education and demonstrate the student's progression and
30 readiness for placement in the next grade level.

31 (3) The parent of a student who is enrolling in a public
32 school pursuant to this section must permit his or her child to
33 be assessed for grade placement regardless of the date of
34 enrollment in the school year.

35 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.