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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to assessments for grade level  
3           assignment; requiring that the Department of Education  
4           adopt assessments for grade level assignment of a  
5           student who attended a private school or home school  
6           and who is transferring to or enrolling in public  
7           school; requiring that the assessments be based upon  
8           state-adopted grade level standards; requiring that  
9           each school district administer the assessments for  
10          grade level assignment; requiring that the assessments  
11          provide objective data pertaining to each student's  
12          readiness for the appropriate grade level and the  
13          student's progress in attaining performance standards;  
14          requiring that parents allow for their child to be  
15          assessed regardless of the date of enrollment during  
16          the school year; 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. Assessments for grade level assignment of  
21 private school or home school students.-

22           (1) The Department of Education shall adopt assessments in  
23 order to determine the grade level placement of any student who  
24 attended a private school or home school in the previous school  
25 year and who is transferring to or enrolling in a public school.  
26 The assessments must be based upon state-adopted grade level  
27 standards. Each school district shall administer the assessments  
28 for grade level assignment to any student who is transferring  
29 from a private school or home school to a public school or

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30 enrolling in a public school before the student is enrolled in  
31 grades 1 through 8.

32 (2) The assessments for grade level assignment must provide  
33 objective data pertaining to each student's readiness for the  
34 grade level that he or she is to be enrolled in public school  
35 and the student's progress in attaining the performance  
36 standards adopted by the department.

37 (3) Each parent who enrolls his or her child in a public  
38 school and whose child was enrolled in a private school or home  
39 school in the previous school year must allow the child to be  
40 assessed for grade level assignment regardless of the date of  
41 enrollment during the school year.

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