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FSBA Quick Notes: Assessment & Accountability

We thank Senators Flores, Montford, and Simmons and Representatives Diaz and Fine for the progress they have made in addressing the concerns that have been raised by parents, students, educators, and others about the assessment and accountability system, as reflected in one or more bills currently under consideration.

We ask the Legislature to consolidate, expand, and support the assessment & accountability provisions to:

- Authorize the use of national assessments that may be used in lieu of statewide assessments and clarify and expand upon existing alternative pathways for students to demonstrate their level of mastery of state standards.
- Reduce the number of statewide standardized assessments by eliminating the required administration of statewide assessments in any grade level or subject area that is not required by federal law.
- Ensure that the window for test administration is as close as possible to the end of the year and ensure that test results are returned to students, parents, and teachers within a time frame that allows for planning and provision of any needed interventions and supports.
- Define Performance Levels and establish the threshold for passage of statewide assessments utilizing a process that conforms with the extensive, research-based, inclusive process employed by the Department of Education and approved by the State Board of Education.
- Authorize the use of non-electronic formats for statewide assessments.
- Provide flexibility to school districts by providing the option to use state formulas derived from assessment results when evaluating instructional personnel.

Resources:

[Section 1008.22, F.S.](#)

[Section 1008.25, F.S.](#)

[Section 1003.4282, F.S.](#)

[Understanding FSA Reports 2016](#)