

March 22, 2007

S 1463. MODIFY SCHOOL TESTING & ACCOUNTABILITY PROG. Filed 3/22/07. *DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION TO (1) STUDY THE NEED TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE ABCS OF PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAM AND (2) DEVELOP A PROPOSAL FOR A NEW STATE TESTING AND ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN.*

As title indicates. Provides detailed guidelines to the Department of Public Instruction as to the focus, content, and methodology to be used in the study and in developing the proposal. Specifies that the new testing and accountability plan should be ready for implementation no later than the 2009-10 school year.

Intro. by Swindell.

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May 24, 2007

S 1463. MODIFY SCHOOL TESTING & ACCOUNTABILITY PROG. Filed 3/22/07. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Appropriates \$4,409,966 for 2007-08 and \$7,163,305 for 2008-09 from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction to implement the first two years of the three-year Focused Education Reform Pilot Program in five local school administrative units. Sets criteria for selecting participating local school administrative units and enumerates issues that must be incorporated in the pilot program. Appropriates \$550,000 for 2007-08 and \$550,000 for 2008-09 from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction to establish the Office of Professional Development under the State Board of Education. Also establishes the duties of the Office of Professional Development. Changes the effective date to July 1, 2007. Makes a conforming title change.