

Senate Bill 4 – The Short Version

Section 1 FCAT redefined as FCAT reading and FCAT Mathematics

Section 2 Middle School

2010/11 Passing EOC not requirement for Algebra, Geometry or Biology

2011/12 Must pass EOC in Algebra I to get HS credit

2012/13 Must Pass EOC for Geometry or Biology to get respective HS credit

Required communication with students:

HS graduation requirements

HS assessment requirements

College entrance test requirements

Bright Futures

How to earn college credit

Programs leading to industry ~~alternative~~ certifications

Section 3 Requirements for HS Graduation

2010/11 Beginning 9th graders required credit in Algebra I, plus one of four math credits required for graduation must be in Geometry, and must pass EOC for Algebra I credit

2011/12 Beginning 9th graders must pass EOC for Geometry to earn credit

2011/12 Beginning 9th graders must pass EOC for Biology as well to earn credit

2012/13 Beginning 9th graders must take Algebra II as one of four math credits; no EOC requirement

2013/14 Beginning 9th graders must take chemistry or physics; no EOC requirement

- test scores are 30% of grade in the first year of EOC testing
- After first years, two are separate; must pass course and pass EOC to earn course credit
- Future, additional EOC in other subjects dependant on funding
- Student w/disabilities may have waivers if EOC not applicable

Section 4 Accelerated High School Graduation Options

Like section 3

Section 5 skip for now return later

Section 6 skips for now

Section 7 skips for now

Section 8 Statewide Assessment Program

2010/11 Ninth grade math FCAT discontinued

2010/11 All enrolled in Algebra I (or equivalent) must take EOC AND will be 30% of final grade for 9th graders beginning in 2010/11

2010/11 FCAT writing and FCAT science shall be administered at least once in high school, middle school and in elementary school

2010/11 students who earned credit in grades 6-8 during 2007/8 – 2009/10 AND have not taken 10th grade math FCAT MUST take Algebra I EOC during 2010/11 school year

2011/12 Tenth grade math FCAT discontinued

2011/12 HS math FCAT and science FCAT discontinued

2011/12 Beginning 9th graders must pass Algebra I EOC to earn credit

2011/12 All enrolled in Geometry and/or biology must take EOC AND will be 30% of final grade for 9th graders beginning in 2011/12

2012/13 Beginning 9th graders must pass EOC in Geometry and/or Biology to earn credit

Other Language:

- Nationally developed comprehensive exams-Commissioner may select industry approve exams subject to SBE rule
- Additional EOC subject to funding:
 - English/Language Arts II (priority)
 - Algebra II
 - Chemistry
 - Physics
 - Earth/space science
 - US History
 - World History
- Commissioner:
 - Must create EOC development schedule
 - Must determine feasibility of transitioning HS reading and writing FCAT to EOC in English/Language Arts I testing dates
 - Must develop concordant scores for HS graduation, but may not use scores earned before taking grade 10 FCAT
 - Must develop equivalent scores for EOCs used for grade adjustment, grade forgiveness, course credit recovery-subject to district board rules
- Testing must measure content knowledge and performance, not proficiency
- Students must earn passing score on grade 10 FCAT reading and math or attain concordant to qualify for standard diploma
- Students must continue to take grade 10 FCAT until passed or receives concordant score
- FCAT **AND** EOCs must use scoring of 1 through 5 with 3 as satisfactory performance; FCAT writing is 1 through 6
- SBE shall by rule:
 - Designate passing score for grade 10 FCAT and EOCs

- Establish score for each EOC which indicates that student is high achieving and is likely to meet college-readiness standards by time student graduates from high school

Sections 9 and 10 are Technical

Section 11 School Grades

Incorporates performance of both FCAT and EOCs

Removes FCAT writing from measurement of lowest quartile – becomes reading and math

Includes EOCs in determining lower quartile

Redefines Industry certification to mean national industry certification

Section 12 School improvement rating for alternative schools

Incorporates all EOC assessments in school improvement rating

Section 13 Florida School Recognition Program

Requires award by February 1 AND if school no longer exist, requires superintendent to distribute award to teachers who taught in previous year in form of bonus

Section 14 Requires OPPAGA to:

- Study different types of diplomas in different states
- Criteria for awarding diplomas and endorsements
- Differences in courses for college-bound and career pathway
- Advantages and disadvantages of offering diploma options
- Barrier found by other states
- Report to Governor by 1/31/2011

Section 15 Effective date

July 1, 2010