

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to COVID-19 impact on school  
3           accountability; providing that school grades, school  
4           improvement ratings, and student performance results  
5           from the statewide, standardized assessments for the  
6           2020-2021 school year may not be used for specified  
7           purposes; providing for future repeal; providing an  
8           effective date.

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

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12           Section 1. Subsection (6) of section 1008.34, Florida  
13           Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (7), and a new subsection  
14           (6) is added to that section, to read:

15           1008.34 School grading system; school report cards;  
16           district grade.—

17           (6) HEALTH EMERGENCY PROVISION.—In recognition of the  
18           public health emergency caused by COVID-19, notwithstanding any  
19           other provision of law:

20           (a) A school shall not be required to select and implement  
21           a turnaround option pursuant to s. 1008.33 in the 2021-2022  
22           school year based on the school's 2020-2021 school grade or  
23           school improvement rating pursuant to s. 1008.341, as  
24           applicable.

25           (b) A school or approved provider under s. 1002.45 that

26 | receives the same or a lower school grade or school improvement  
27 | rating for the 2020-2021 school year compared to the 2018-2019  
28 | school year is not subject to sanctions or penalties that would  
29 | otherwise occur as a result of the 2020-2021 school grade or  
30 | school improvement rating. A charter school system or a school  
31 | district designated as high performing may not lose the  
32 | designation based on the 2020-2021 school grade of any of the  
33 | schools within the charter school system or school district, as  
34 | applicable.

35 | (c) Student performance results from the 2020-2021  
36 | statewide, standardized assessments may not be used for purposes  
37 | of determining grade 3 retention pursuant to s. 1008.25(5) and  
38 | high school graduation pursuant to s. 1003.4282 or calculating  
39 | student performance measurement and evaluating personnel  
40 | pursuant to s. 1012.34.

41 | (d) This subsection is repealed July 1, 2023.

42 | Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.