A bill to be entitled
An act relating to public school curricular standards
and assessments; prohibiting the State Board of
Education from continuing to implement the common core
standards until certain requirements are met;
providing requirements for the adoption or revision of
curricular standards; requiring the state to withdraw
from the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for
College and Careers; prohibiting the state from
implementing assessments aligned to common core
standards by the partnership; requiring the state to
adopt and implement new assessments; prohibiting the
state board from entering into certain agreements;
providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Public school curricular standards and
assessments.—

(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State
Board of Education may not continue to implement the common core
standards in English Language Arts and mathematics, adopted by
the state board as part of the Next Generation Sunshine State
Standards, until the following occurs:

(a) The state board holds at least one public hearing in
each congressional district of the state, with at least one
member of the state board in attendance at each hearing, at
which public testimony is taken on the implementation of the
common core standards in the state's public schools.

(b) A fiscal analysis of the projected cost of implementation of the common core standards is presented to the state board. The Department of Education shall contract with an independent entity with expertise in the development, implementation, and assessment of curricular standards to conduct the fiscal analysis.

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State Board of Education may not adopt or revise curricular standards in a manner that would effectively implement the common core standards until the requirements of subsection (1) are met. Before adopting or revising curricular standards, the state board must compare the common core standards to other nationally recognized standards of student achievement. The state board may not adopt common core standards in curricular areas other than English Language Arts and mathematics.

(3) Florida shall withdraw from the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) and may not implement the assessments aligned to the common core standards by the partnership. Instead, the state shall adopt and implement new assessments that provide valid, reliable, and timely testing of student performance.

(4) The State Board of Education may not enter into or renew an agreement that cedes to an outside entity control over curricular standards or assessments.

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