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FCAT Bill On Monday's Senate Agenda

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ORLANDO – Senate Bill 1592 - the FCAT Truth in Testing - sponsored by Senator Gary Siplin (D – Orlando) is expected to come before the full Senate on Monday, April 26, 2004. If passed, parents seeking access to their child's FCAT will clear another obstacle in their efforts to obtain the right to review the elusive exam.

"If we prevail, this will be a great victory for those parents who have struggled with how to answer a simple question – Mom or Dad, why did I fail? Where do I need improvement?" Sen. Siplin said.

Sen. Siplin has received numerous pleas from parents and organizations asking him to stand firm on seeking access to the test. And a number of parents even came to Tallahassee to testify on the importance of this bill.

There are several states across the country with similar high-stakes exams. Minnesota and Delaware are among several states that allow parents to have access to their child's exam.

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There will be a press conference on the bill's outcome on Monday in front of the Senate chamber, 15 minutes after completion of Session.