

NEWS

FCAT Bill passes Senate Education Committee

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

Sen. Siplin stated, "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 has received numerous pleas from parents and organizations asking him not to give up on their quest. Several parents came to Tallahassee to testify on the importance of this bill. Sen. Siplin has worked hard to secure supporters for the passage 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. Now Florida will join them and give an important tool to the parents of our school children.

There will be a press conference in front of the Senate chamber, 15 minutes after completion of Session.

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