

CHAPTER 82-180

Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 692

An act relating to functions of state educational agencies; amending s. 240.529(1), Florida Statutes, changing requirements with respect to a State Board of Education rule relating to waiver of an admission standard for teacher education programs; adding s. 229.551(3) (k), Florida Statutes; requiring the Department of Education to develop or contract for development of tests which measure and diagnose student achievement of college-level communication and computation skills and to submit such to the State Board of Education for public approval; providing that any tests and related documents are exempt from s. 119.07, Florida Statutes; requiring the Commissioner of Education to maintain statewide responsibility for the administration of such tests; providing that the commissioner may assign administrative responsibilities for such tests to any public university or community college; authorizing the State Board of Education to enter into contracts for services which begin in one fiscal year and continue into the next and are financed from appropriations of either or both years; amending s. 240.233(5), Florida Statutes; requiring the public universities to govern the admission of students subject to minimum standards adopted by the Board of Regents and rules of the State Board of Education; establishing August 1, 1984, as the date after which the rules of the State Board of Education shall require the use of test scores as a condition for the admission of any student to upper division instruction programs in the State University System; expanding the categories of students who must take certain admissions tests; providing that prior to August 1, 1984, the use of test scores shall be limited to student counseling and curriculum improvement in both the community colleges and the State University System; amending s. 240.239(3), Florida Statutes; requiring that Associate of Arts degrees not be granted unless the student has successfully completed the requirements for college-level communication and computation skills pursuant to rules of the State Board of Education; amending s. 240.319(3) (r), Florida Statutes; requiring community college trustees to use the scores on tests for college-level communication and computation skills as provided in s. 229.551, Florida Statutes, as a condition for being granted an Associate of Arts degree after August 1, 1984, and providing that scores on such tests be used for student counseling and curriculum improvement prior to that date; amending s. 229.053(2) (d), Florida Statutes; requiring the State Board of Education to provide uniform standards for skills and for progression through the baccalaureate level; amending s. 120.52(14) (e), Florida Statutes; deleting practices and inserting testing procedures for established tests or other

statewide educational tests required by law; amending s. 283.10(3), Florida Statutes; authorizing class B printing to apply to the skills test and any other statewide educational test required by law; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 240.529, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

240.529 Approved teacher education programs.—

Section 7. Paragraph (e) of subsection (14) of section 120.52, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

120.52 Definitions.--As used in this act:

(14) "Rule" means each agency statement of general applicability that implements, interprets, or prescribes law or policy or describes the organization, procedure, or practice requirements of an agency and includes any form which imposes any requirement or solicits any information not specifically required by statute or by an existing rule. The term also includes the amendment or repeal of a rule. The term does not include:

(e) Any tests, test scoring criteria, ~~practices~~, or testing procedures relating to student assessment which are developed or administered by the Department of Education pursuant to s. 229.57, s. 232.245, s. 232.246, ~~or s. 232.247~~, or any other statewide educational test required by law.