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H.B. No. 2344

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the assessment of writing performance for public school students.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 39.023, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (h-1) to read as follows:

(h-1) Notwithstanding any other provision in this section, for a reading assessment instrument administered under Subsection (a) or an English I or English II end-of-course assessment instrument administered under Subsection (c), the portion of the assessment instrument that is not presented in a multiple choice format may be used as part of a classroom portfolio method to assess writing performance. The commissioner shall adopt rules to allow that portion of the assessment instrument to be scored by a classroom teacher assigned to the same campus as the student to whom the assessment instrument is administered.

SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2021-2022 school year.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2021.