

Amend CSSB 1108 between Sections 2 and 3 of the bill (house committee report, page 1, following line 24), by inserting the following new section and renumbering the subsequent sections accordingly:

SECTION __. (a) Section 39.023(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The agency shall adopt or develop appropriate criterion-referenced assessment instruments designed to assess essential knowledge and skills in reading, writing, mathematics, social studies, and science. All students, except students assessed under Subsection (b) or (1) or exempted under Section 39.027, shall be assessed in:

(1) mathematics, annually in grades three through seven without the aid of technology and in grades eight through 11 with the aid of technology on any assessment instruments that include algebra;

(2) reading, annually in grades three through nine;

(3) writing, including spelling and grammar, in grades four and seven;

(4) English language arts, in grade 10;

(5) social studies, in grades five, eight, and 10; and

(6) science, in grades five, eight, and 10.

(b) The commissioner of education shall adopt rules for the implementation of Sections 39.023(a)(5) and (6), Education Code, as amended by Subsection (a) of this section. The commissioner's rules must provide that:

(1) except as provided by Subdivision (3) of this subsection, not later than the 2006-2007 school year, the State Board of Education shall administer:

(A) a social studies assessment instrument to students in the fifth grade as provided by Section 39.023(a)(5), Education Code, as amended by Subsection (a) of this section; and

(B) a science assessment instrument to students in the eighth grade as provided by Section 39.023(a)(6), Education Code, as amended by Subsection (a) of this section;

(2) except as provided by Subdivision (4) of this subsection, not later than the 2008-2009 school year, the Texas

Education Agency, in evaluating the performance of school districts, campuses, and open-enrollment charter schools under Subchapter D, Chapter 39, Education Code, shall include the results of student performance on:

(A) the fifth grade social studies assessment instrument required by Section 39.023(a)(5), Education Code, as amended by Subsection (a) of this section; and

(B) the eighth grade science assessment instrument required by Section 39.023(a)(6), Education Code, as amended by Subsection (a) of this section;

(3) not later than the 2008-2009 school year, the State Board of Education shall administer assessment instruments under Section 39.023(b), Education Code, that correspond to:

(A) the fifth grade social studies assessment instrument required by Section 39.023(a)(5), Education Code, as amended by Subsection (a) of this section; and

(B) the eighth grade science assessment instrument required by Section 39.023(a)(6), Education Code, as amended by Subsection (a) of this section; and

(4) not later than the 2010-2011 school year, the Texas Education Agency shall include the results of student performance on the assessment instruments described by Subdivision (3) of this subsection in evaluating the performance of school districts, campuses, and open-enrollment charter schools under Subchapter D, Chapter 39, Education Code.