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H.B. No. 495

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the administration by school districts of college  
3 preparation achievement assessment instruments to certain  
4 students.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 39, Education Code, is  
7 amended by adding Section 39.0261 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 39.0261. COLLEGE PREPARATION ACHIEVEMENT ASSESSMENTS.

9 (a) In addition to the assessment instruments otherwise authorized  
10 or required by this subchapter, a school district shall administer  
11 to students in grades 8, 10, and 12 an established, valid, and  
12 reliable system of nationally normed and curriculum-based  
13 educational planning and achievement assessment instruments with  
14 the following characteristics:

15 (1) an integrated series of standards and  
16 curriculum-based achievement assessment instruments, with the  
17 grade 12 assessment instrument currently accepted by this state's  
18 colleges and universities for use in determining admissions; and

19 (2) a common content continuum and score scale in the  
20 assessed areas of reading, English, mathematics, and science across  
21 the assessment instruments administered at each grade level.

22 (b) The agency shall:

23 (1) select and approve vendors of the specific  
24 assessment instruments administered under this section; and

1           (2) pay from its operating budget all costs associated  
2 with administration of the assessment instruments.

3           (c) The agency shall compile the results of any assessment  
4 instrument administered under this section and make the results  
5 available through the Public Education Information Management  
6 System (PEIMS).

7           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect June 1, 2005, and applies  
8 beginning with the 2005-2006 school year.