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H.B. No. 27

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to certain questions that may be included on statewide
3 assessment instruments administered to public school students.

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

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

7 (c-1) An assessment instrument under Subsection (a) or (c)
8 may include questions that test a broader range of knowledge and
9 skills or that are at a higher level of difficulty for the purpose
10 of differentiating student achievement. A student may not be
11 required to answer a question described by this subsection
12 correctly to perform satisfactorily on an assessment instrument or
13 to be promoted to the next grade level. A question described by
14 this subsection may be treated in the same manner as a question
15 being field-tested in determining whether to release the question
16 under Subsection (e).

17 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2005-2006
18 school year.

19 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
23 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the
24 legislative session.