

Amend CSHB 2 as follows:

On page 94, line 1, strike Section 39.0261 College Preparation Assessments and add a new Section 39.0261 starting at page 94, line 1, to read as follows:

Sec. 39.0261. COLLEGE READINESS AND PREPARATION ASSESSMENTS.

(a) In addition to the assessment instruments otherwise authorized or required by this subchapter, and to promote college readiness, high school students in the spring of the 11th grade or during the 12th grade shall select and take once one of the valid, reliable, and nationally normed assessment instruments used by colleges and universities as part of their undergraduate admissions processes, such as the American College Test (ACT) and the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT).

(b) In addition to the assessment instruments otherwise authorized or required by this subchapter, school districts shall administer to students in grades 8 and 10 educational planning and achievement assessments that promote college readiness and have the following characteristics:

(1) an integrated set of standards and curriculum-based achievement assessments that are valid, reliable and nationally normed; and

(2) contain a common content continuum and scaled score in the assessed areas of mathematics, science, reading, and English.

(c) The agency shall:

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

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

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