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H.B. No. 31

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to state assessment of public school students in social studies in the fifth grade.

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

SECTION 1. 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;

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

(7) any other subject and grade required by federal law.

1 SECTION 2. The commissioner of education shall adopt rules
2 for the implementation of Section 39.023(a)(5), Education Code, as
3 amended by this Act. The commissioner's rules must provide that:

4 (1) except as provided by Subdivision (3) of this
5 section, not later than the 2008-2009 school year, the State Board
6 of Education shall administer a social studies assessment
7 instrument to students in the fifth grade as provided by Section
8 39.023(a)(5), Education Code, as amended by this Act;

9 (2) except as provided by Subdivision (4) of this
10 section, not later than the 2010-2011 school year, the Texas
11 Education Agency shall include the results of student performance
12 on the fifth grade social studies assessment instrument required by
13 Section 39.023(a)(5), Education Code, as amended by this Act, in
14 evaluating the performance of school districts, campuses, and
15 open-enrollment charter schools under Subchapter D, Chapter 39,
16 Education Code;

17 (3) not later than the 2010-2011 school year, the
18 State Board of Education shall administer an assessment instrument
19 under Section 39.023(b), Education Code, that corresponds to the
20 fifth grade social studies assessment instrument required by
21 Section 39.023(a)(5), Education Code, as amended by this Act; and

22 (4) not later than the 2012-2013 school year, the
23 Texas Education Agency shall include the results of student
24 performance on the assessment instrument described by Subdivision
25 (3) of this section in evaluating the performance of school
26 districts, campuses, and open-enrollment charter schools under
27 Subchapter D, Chapter 39, Education Code.

1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.