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H.B. No. 849

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to releasing the question and answer keys for certain  
3 academic assessment instruments administered to public school  
4 students.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 39.023(e), Education Code, is amended to  
7 read as follows:

8 (e) Under rules adopted by the State Board of Education,  
9 [~~every other year,~~] the agency shall annually release the question  
10 [~~questions~~] and answer keys to each assessment instrument  
11 administered under Subsection (a), (b), (c), (d), or (l) after the  
12 last time the instrument is administered for that school year. To  
13 ensure a valid bank of questions for use each year, the agency is  
14 not required to release a question that is being field-tested and  
15 was not used to compute the student's score on the instrument. The  
16 agency shall also release, under board rule, each question that is  
17 no longer being field-tested and that was not used to compute a  
18 student's score.

19 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2005-2006  
20 school year.

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

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.