

Amend CSSB 1031 (House committee printing) as follows:

(1) In the recital to SECTION 7 of the bill (page 5, line 2), strike "(c-2), and (c-3)" and substitute "(c-2), (c-3), (c-4), and (c-5)".

(2) In SECTION 7 of the bill, in amended Section 39.023(c), Education Code (page 6, line 1), between "history." and "A school", insert "The Algebra I, Algebra II, and geometry end-of-course assessment instruments must be administered with the aid of technology.".

(3) In SECTION 7 of the bill, in amended Section 39.023, Education Code (page 7, between lines 25 and 26), insert the following:

(c-4) To the extent practicable, the agency shall ensure that each end-of-course assessment instrument adopted under Subsection (c) is:

(1) developed in a manner that measures a student's performance under the college readiness standards established under Section 28.008; and

(2) validated by national postsecondary education experts for college readiness content and performance standards.

(c-5) A student's performance on an end-of-course assessment instrument required under Subsection (c) must be included in the student's academic achievement record.

(4) In SECTION 8 of the bill, in the heading to added Section 39.0233, Education Code (page 8, line 1), strike "OPTIONAL" and substitute "SPECIAL-PURPOSE".

(5) In SECTION 8 of the bill, in added Section 39.0233, Education Code (page 8, lines 4, 6, 11, 16, and 20), strike "optional" each place it appears.

(6) In SECTION 8 of the bill, in added Section 39.0233, Education Code (page 8, lines 22 through 24), strike added Subsection (c) and substitute the following:

(c) The State Board of Education shall establish a level of performance on the questions adopted under this section that indicates a student's college readiness. A student's performance on the questions adopted under this section must be evaluated separately from the student's performance on the remainder of the

assessment instrument. A student's performance on a question adopted under this section may not be used to determine the student's performance on the assessment instrument for purposes of Section 39.023 or 39.025. The commissioner shall adopt rules concerning the reporting of a student's performance on the questions adopted under this section.

(7) In SECTION 9 of the bill, in amended Section 39.025(b), Education Code (page 10, line 15), immediately following "assessment instrument.", insert "A student is not required to retake a course as a condition of retaking an assessment instrument under this subsection.".

(8) In SECTION 14 of the bill, in amended Section 39.051(b)(5), Education Code (page 20, line 12), strike "optional".

(9) In SECTION 16 of the bill, in amended Section 51.3062(q), Education Code (page 23, lines 8 and 15), strike "optional" each place it appears.

(10) Immediately following SECTION 18 of the bill (page 23, immediately following line 27), insert the following appropriately numbered SECTION and renumber the subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. On the expiration of any contract entered into before September 1, 2007, between the Texas Education Agency and a vendor for the development of assessment instruments required under Section 39.023, Education Code, the Texas Education Agency shall issue a request for proposals for the development of end-of-course assessment instruments required under Section 39.023(c), Education Code, as amended by this Act. The Texas Education Agency may allow a vendor with whom the agency has contracted for the development of assessment instruments under Section 39.023, Education Code, before September 1, 2007, to begin developing end-of-course assessment instruments required under Section 39.023(c), Education Code, as amended by this Act, before the expiration of the contract.