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H.B. No. 1603

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to assessment of public school students enrolled in
3 English immersion programs.

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 (1-1) to read as follows:

7 (1-1) Subsection (1) does not apply to a student enrolled in
8 an English language immersion program. A student enrolled in an
9 English language immersion program must be assessed using
10 assessment instruments in English under Subsection (a). A school
11 district may apply to the commissioner for a waiver under which the
12 performance of a student in an English language immersion program
13 on an assessment instrument in English under Subsection (a) is
14 excluded for not more than two consecutive years for purposes of
15 determining the performance rating under Section 39.072 of the
16 district or of the campus the student attends. The student's
17 performance during the period covered by the waiver may be included
18 in the assessment system developed under Section 39.027(e), but may
19 not be included in the academic excellence indicator system under
20 Section 39.051, the campus report card under Section 39.052, the
21 performance report under Section 39.053, and the comprehensive
22 annual report under Section 39.182.

23 SECTION 2. Section 39.027, Education Code, is amended by
24 adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

1 (a-1) The exemptions under Subsections (a)(3) and (4) do not
2 apply to a student enrolled in an English language immersion
3 program.

4 SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2007-2008
5 school year.

6 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
8 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
10 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.