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H.B. No. 2503

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to a technology literacy assessment instrument to be  
3 administered to certain public school students.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 39, Education Code, is  
6 amended by adding Section 39.0235 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 39.0235. TECHNOLOGY LITERACY ASSESSMENT PILOT  
8 PROGRAM. (a) In this section, "pilot program" means the technology  
9 literacy assessment pilot program.

10 (b) The commissioner by rule shall establish a pilot program  
11 in which a participating school district assesses student  
12 technology proficiency.

13 (c) A school district may apply to the commissioner to  
14 participate in the pilot program. The commissioner shall select  
15 for participation school districts from both rural and urban areas  
16 of the state.

17 (d) The agency shall adopt an assessment instrument  
18 designed to assess an individual student's mastery of the essential  
19 knowledge and skills in technology to be administered by a school  
20 district participating in the pilot program. The assessment  
21 instrument adopted under this subsection must be an existing  
22 product that is currently available.

23 (e) Each school year, the assessment instrument adopted  
24 under Subsection (d) shall be administered in a participating

1 school district to each student in either fifth, sixth, seventh,  
2 eighth, or ninth grade, with the grade level and time to be  
3 determined by the district.

4 (f) The assessment instrument adopted under Subsection (d)  
5 must:

6 (1) be administered online;  
7 (2) be aligned with the essential knowledge and skills  
8 requirements for technology applications; and

9 (3) incorporate performance-based measures, including  
10 a requirement that students perform certain technological tasks and  
11 respond to questions based on the completion of those tasks.

12 (g) An assessment instrument administered by a  
13 participating school district must be designed in a manner to  
14 provide the district with an automatic report of the technology  
15 literacy proficiency of a district student in a format that is  
16 compatible with the school district and state data information  
17 systems.

18 (h) A participating school district shall report student  
19 performance on the assessment instrument to the agency.

20 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2007-2008  
21 school year.

22 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
25 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
26 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.