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H.B. No. 2503

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2503:

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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.

21 (e) Each school year, the assessment instrument adopted
22 under Subsection (d) shall be administered in a participating
23 school district to each student in either fifth, sixth, seventh,
24 eighth, or ninth grade, with the grade level and time to be

1 determined by the district.

2 (f) The assessment instrument adopted under Subsection (d)
3 must:

4 (1) be administered online;

5 (2) be aligned with the essential knowledge and skills
6 requirements for technology applications; and

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

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

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

18 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2007-2008
19 school year.

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