

1-1 By: Eissler, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Williams) H.B. No. 2503  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 23, 2007;  
1-3 April 26, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Education; May 10, 2007, reported favorably by the following vote:  
1-5 Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 10, 2007, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to a technology literacy assessment instrument to be  
1-9 administered to certain public school students.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 39, Education Code, is  
1-12 amended by adding Section 39.0235 to read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 39.0235. TECHNOLOGY LITERACY ASSESSMENT PILOT  
1-14 PROGRAM. (a) In this section, "pilot program" means the technology  
1-15 literacy assessment pilot program.

1-16 (b) The commissioner by rule shall establish a pilot program  
1-17 in which a participating school district assesses student  
1-18 technology proficiency.

1-19 (c) A school district may apply to the commissioner to  
1-20 participate in the pilot program. The commissioner shall select  
1-21 for participation school districts from both rural and urban areas  
1-22 of the state.

1-23 (d) The agency shall adopt an assessment instrument  
1-24 designed to assess an individual student's mastery of the essential  
1-25 knowledge and skills in technology to be administered by a school  
1-26 district participating in the pilot program. The assessment  
1-27 instrument adopted under this subsection must be an existing  
1-28 product that is currently available.

1-29 (e) Each school year, the assessment instrument adopted  
1-30 under Subsection (d) shall be administered in a participating  
1-31 school district to each student in either fifth, sixth, seventh,  
1-32 eighth, or ninth grade, with the grade level and time to be  
1-33 determined by the district.

1-34 (f) The assessment instrument adopted under Subsection (d)  
1-35 must:

1-36 (1) be administered online;  
1-37 (2) be aligned with the essential knowledge and skills  
1-38 requirements for technology applications; and

1-39 (3) incorporate performance-based measures, including  
1-40 a requirement that students perform certain technological tasks and  
1-41 respond to questions based on the completion of those tasks.

1-42 (g) An assessment instrument administered by a  
1-43 participating school district must be designed in a manner to  
1-44 provide the district with an automatic report of the technology  
1-45 literacy proficiency of a district student in a format that is  
1-46 compatible with the school district and state data information  
1-47 systems.

1-48 (h) A participating school district shall report student  
1-49 performance on the assessment instrument to the agency.

1-50 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2007-2008  
1-51 school year.

1-52 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-53 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-54 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-55 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-56 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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