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H.B. No. 2529

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the scheduling and field testing of assessment instruments on public school campuses.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 39, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 39.035 to read as follows:

Sec. 39.035. LIMITATION ON FIELD TESTING OF ASSESSMENT INSTRUMENTS. (a) The agency may conduct field testing of questions for any assessment instrument administered under Section 39.023(a), (b), (c), (d), or (l) that is separate from the administration of the assessment instruments:

(1) only during the spring semester after the assessment instruments are administered; and

(2) on the same school campus only once during a period of four school years.

(b) The agency shall ensure that field testing is conducted on a rotating basis among campuses in the state.

SECTION 2. Section 39.023, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

(c-1) In adopting a schedule for the administration of assessment instruments under this section, the State Board of Education shall require assessment instruments administered under Subsection (a) to be administered on a schedule so that the first assessment instrument is administered at least two weeks later than

1 the date on which the first assessment instrument was administered
2 under Subsection (a) during the 2006-2007 school year.

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

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