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H.B. No. 2530

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to state assessment of public school students in social
3 studies in the fifth grade.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 39.023(a), Education Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (a) The agency shall adopt or develop appropriate
8 criterion-referenced assessment instruments designed to assess
9 essential knowledge and skills in reading, writing, mathematics,
10 social studies, and science. All students, except students
11 assessed under Subsection (b), ~~(1)~~ (1) or (n) or exempted under
12 Section 39.027, shall be assessed in:

13 (1) mathematics, annually in grades three through
14 seven without the aid of technology and in grades eight through 11
15 with the aid of technology on any assessment instruments that
16 include algebra;

17 (2) reading, annually in grades three through nine;

18 (3) writing, including spelling and grammar, in grades
19 four and seven;

20 (4) English language arts, in grade 10;

21 (5) social studies, in grades five, eight, and 10;

22 (6) science, in grades five, eight, and 10; and

23 (7) any other subject and grade required by federal
24 law.

1 SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 39, Education Code, is
2 amended by adding Section 39.0236 to read as follows:

3 Sec. 39.0236. ASSESSMENT IN SOCIAL STUDIES: FIFTH GRADE.

4 (a) As provided by this section, students in grade five may be
5 assessed in social studies as required by Section 39.023(a)(5)
6 through the administration of the reading assessment instrument
7 required by Section 39.023(a)(2).

8 (b) Selections included in the reading assessment
9 instrument for grade five under Section 39.023(a)(2) shall contain
10 historical selections with an emphasis on primary source documents.

11 (c) The commissioner by rule may:

12 (1) determine the portion of the selections to include
13 in the reading assessment instrument for purposes of assessing
14 essential knowledge and skills in social studies for students in
15 grade five; and

16 (2) develop procedures for segregating the reporting
17 of results of student performance on the fifth grade social studies
18 portion of the reading assessment instrument under this section.

19 SECTION 3. The commissioner of education shall adopt rules
20 for the implementation of Section 39.023(a)(5), Education Code, as
21 amended by this Act, and may adopt rules for the implementation of
22 Section 39.0236, Education Code, as added by this Act. The
23 commissioner's rules must provide that:

24 (1) except as provided by Subdivision (3) of this
25 section, not later than the 2010-2011 school year, the State Board
26 of Education shall administer a social studies assessment
27 instrument to students in the fifth grade as provided by Section

1 39.023(a)(5), Education Code, as amended by this Act;

2 (2) except as provided by Subdivision (4) of this
3 section, not later than the 2012-2013 school year, the Texas
4 Education Agency shall include the results of student performance
5 on the fifth grade social studies assessment instrument required by
6 Section 39.023(a)(5), Education Code, as amended by this Act, in
7 evaluating the performance of school districts, campuses, and
8 open-enrollment charter schools under Subchapter D, Chapter 39,
9 Education Code;

10 (3) not later than the 2012-2013 school year, the
11 State Board of Education shall administer an assessment instrument
12 under Section 39.023(b), Education Code, that corresponds to the
13 fifth grade social studies assessment instrument required by
14 Section 39.023(a)(5), Education Code, as amended by this Act; and

15 (4) not later than the 2014-2015 school year, the
16 Texas Education Agency shall include the results of student
17 performance on the assessment instrument described by Subdivision
18 (3) of this section in evaluating the performance of school
19 districts, campuses, and open-enrollment charter schools under
20 Subchapter D, Chapter 39, Education Code.

21 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.