

Amend **HB 1343** (Senate committee report) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Section 30.002, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsections (c-1) and (c-2) to read as follows:

(c-1) To implement Subsection (c)(1) and to determine a child's eligibility for a school district's special education program on the basis of a visual impairment, the full individual and initial evaluation of the student required by Section 29.004 must, in accordance with commissioner rule:

(1) include an orientation and mobility evaluation conducted:

(A) by a person who is appropriately certified as an orientation and mobility specialist, as determined under commissioner rule; and

(B) in a variety of settings, including in the student's home, school, and community and in settings unfamiliar to the student; and

(2) provide for a person who is appropriately certified as an orientation and mobility specialist to participate, as part of the multidisciplinary team, in evaluating data on which the determination of the child's eligibility is based.

(c-2) Any reevaluation by a school district of a student who has been determined, after the full individual and initial evaluation, to be eligible for the district's special education program on the basis of a visual impairment must, in accordance with commissioner rule, include an orientation and mobility evaluation conducted by a person described by Subsection (c-1)(1)(A).

SECTION _____. (a) Not later than January 1, 2010, the commissioner of education shall adopt rules necessary to implement Subsections (c-1) and (c-2), Section 30.002, Education Code, as added by this Act.

(b) Not later than the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year, Subsections (c-1) and (c-2), Section 30.002, Education Code, as added by this Act, shall be implemented.

SECTION _____. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each

house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution.
If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate
effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2009.