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H.B. No. 522

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to intensive preparation academies in certain school
3 districts to prepare public school students to take required
4 end-of-course assessment instruments.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 39, Education Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 39.0251 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 39.0251. END-OF-COURSE ASSESSMENT INSTRUMENT
9 INTENSIVE PREPARATION ACADEMIES. (a) This section applies only to
10 a school district with an enrollment of 5,000 or more students.

11 (b) For any school year in which state funds are
12 appropriated for purposes of this section, a school district in
13 which five percent or more of the students fail to perform
14 satisfactorily on an assessment instrument required under Section
15 39.025(a) shall, at the end of the school year, operate an intensive
16 preparation academy to prepare those students to retake the
17 assessment instrument.

18 (c) An intensive preparation academy must:

19 (1) be operated for at least 30 school days;
20 (2) include instruction in the curriculum material
21 most likely to be included in the assessment instruments required
22 under Section 39.025(a); and

23 (3) include instruction in strategies for performing
24 satisfactorily on the assessment instruments.

1 (d) A student who fails to perform satisfactorily on an
2 assessment instrument required under Section 39.025(a) shall
3 attend each portion of an intensive preparation academy under this
4 section relating to that assessment instrument or to strategies
5 described by Subsection (c)(3).

6 (e) For purposes of this section, satisfactory performance
7 on an assessment instrument is determined by the State Board of
8 Education under Section 39.024.

9 SECTION 2. Section 25.085(d), Education Code, is amended to
10 read as follows:

11 (d) Unless specifically exempted by Section 25.086, a
12 student enrolled in a school district must attend:

13 (1) an extended-year program for which the student is
14 eligible that is provided by the district for students identified
15 as likely not to be promoted to the next grade level or tutorial
16 classes required by the district under Section 29.084;

17 (2) an accelerated reading instruction program to
18 which the student is assigned under Section 28.006(g);

19 (3) an accelerated instruction program to which the
20 student is assigned under Section 28.0211;

21 (4) a basic skills program to which the student is
22 assigned under Section 29.086; ~~or~~

23 (5) a summer program provided under Section 37.008(1)
24 or Section 37.021; or

25 (6) an intensive preparation academy to which the
26 student is assigned under Section 39.0251.

27 SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2009-2010

1 school year.

2 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.