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H.B. No. 2545

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an exemption from certain end-of-course assessment instruments for a high school student earning college credit.

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

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

(o) Notwithstanding Subsection (c) or Section 39.025, a student is exempt from the administration of an end-of-course assessment instrument otherwise required under Subsection (c) or Section 39.025 if the student receives college credit through a program implemented under Section 28.009 for a course in the subject area of the course for which the end-of-course assessment instrument was adopted. This subsection does not prohibit a student entitled to an exemption from electing to participate in the administration of an assessment instrument, provided that the student's performance on the assessment instrument in that circumstance is considered in the same manner as performance is considered for other students. The State Board of Education may adopt rules necessary to implement this subsection.

SECTION 2. Section 39.023(o), Education Code, as added by this Act, applies beginning with a student who earns college credit during the 2010-2011 school year.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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