

By: Turner of Harris

H.B. No. 3124

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to scoring the state exit-level assessment instruments administered to public school students.

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

SECTION 1. Section 39.025(f), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(f) The commissioner shall by rule adopt a transition plan to implement the amendments made by Chapter 1312 (S.B. No. 1031), Acts of the 80th Legislature, Regular Session, 2007, to this section and Sections 39.023(a) and (c) and 39.051(b)(5). The rules must provide for the end-of-course assessment instruments adopted under Section 39.023(c) to be administered beginning with students entering the ninth grade during the 2011-2012 school year. During the period under which the transition to end-of-course assessment instruments is made:

(1) for students entering a grade above the ninth grade during the 2011-2012 school year:

(A) ~~[7]~~ the commissioner shall retain, administer, and use for campus and district ratings under Subchapter D the assessment instruments required by Section 39.023(a) or (c), as that section existed before amendment by Chapter 1312 (S.B. No. 1031), Acts of the 80th Legislature, Regular Session, 2007; and

(B) notwithstanding any other provision of this

1 chapter, for any purpose under this chapter, each student is
2 required only to achieve a cumulative score on the exit-level
3 assessment instruments administered under Section 39.023(c), as
4 that section existed before amendment by Chapter 1312 (S.B. No.
5 1031), Acts of the 80th Legislature, Regular Session, 2007, that is
6 at least equal to the product of the number of exit-level assessment
7 instruments administered under the section before the amendment and
8 70, with each exit-level assessment instrument scored on a scale of
9 100; and

10 (2) the agency may defer releasing assessment
11 instrument questions and answer keys as required by Section
12 39.023(e) to the extent necessary to develop additional assessment
13 instruments.

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