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S.B. No. 759

Substitute the following for S.B. No. 759:

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C.S.S.B. No. 759

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to certain standards for group-administered achievement
3 tests used by school districts.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 39.032, Education Code, is amended by
6 amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsections (c-1) and (c-2) to
7 read as follows:

8 (c) State and national norms of averages shall be computed
9 using data that are not more than eight [~~six~~] years old at the time
10 the assessment instrument is administered and that are
11 representative of the group of students to whom the assessment
12 instrument is administered.

13 (c-1) The standardization norms computed under Subsection
14 (a) shall be:

15 (1) based on a national probability sample that meets
16 accepted standards for educational and psychological testing; and

17 (2) [~~shall be~~] updated at least every eight [~~six~~]
18 years using proven psychometric procedures approved by the State
19 Board of Education.

20 (c-2) The eight-year limitation on data to compute norms
21 under this section does not apply if only data older than eight
22 years is available for an assessment instrument. The commissioner
23 by rule may limit the exception created by this subsection based on
24 the type of assessment instrument.

1 SECTION 2. Sections 39.032(a), (b), and (d), Education
2 Code, are repealed.

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