

Amend HB 500 (house committee printing) as follows:

(1) On page 1, between lines 4 and 5, add the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS and renumber subsequent SECTIONS accordingly:

SECTION _____. Section 28.021(c), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) In determining promotion under Subsection (a), a school district shall consider:

- (1) the recommendation of the student's teacher;
- (2) the student's grade in each subject or course;
- (3) the student's score on an assessment instrument administered under Section 39.023(a), (b), or (l), to the extent applicable; and

(4) any other necessary academic information, as determined by the district.

SECTION _____. Section 28.0211, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsections (o) and (p) to read as follows:

(o) This section does not require the administration of a fifth or eighth grade assessment instrument in a subject under Section 39.023(a) to a student enrolled in the fifth or eighth grade, as applicable, if the student:

(1) is enrolled in a course in the subject for which the student will receive high school academic credit; and

(2) will be administered an end-of-course assessment instrument adopted under Section 39.023(c) for the course.

(p) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a student described by Subsection (o) may not be denied promotion on the basis of failure to perform satisfactorily on an assessment instrument not required to be administered to the student in accordance with that subsection.

(2) On page 1, strike lines 5 and 6 and substitute the following:

SECTION _____. Section 39.023, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a) and (c) and adding Subsection (a-2) to read as follows:

(a) The agency shall adopt or develop appropriate criterion-referenced assessment instruments designed to assess

essential knowledge and skills in reading, writing, mathematics, social studies, and science. Except as provided by Subsection (a-2), all ~~[All]~~ students, other than ~~[except]~~ students assessed under Subsection (b) or (1) or exempted under Section 39.027, shall be assessed in:

(1) mathematics, annually in grades three through seven without the aid of technology and in grade eight with the aid of technology on any assessment instrument that includes algebra;

(2) reading, annually in grades three through eight;

(3) writing, including spelling and grammar, in grades four and seven;

(4) social studies, in grade eight;

(5) science, in grades five and eight; and

(6) any other subject and grade required by federal law.

(a-2) A student is not required to be assessed in a subject otherwise assessed at the student's grade level under Subsection (a) if the student:

(1) is enrolled in a course in the subject for which the student will receive high school academic credit; and

(2) will be administered an end-of-course assessment instrument adopted under Subsection (c) for the course.

(3) On page 2, line 17, strike "Subsection (a-4)" and substitute "Subsections (a-4) and (e-1)".

(4) On page 5, between lines 20 and 21, insert the following:

(e-1) Nothing in this section has the effect of prohibiting the administration of an end-of-course assessment instrument listed in Section 39.023(c) to a student enrolled below the high school level who is enrolled in the course for which the assessment instrument is adopted. The commissioner shall adopt rules necessary to ensure that the student's performance on the assessment instrument is considered in the same manner for purposes of this section as the performance of a student enrolled at the high school level.

(5) On page 7, between lines 26 and 27, add the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS and renumber subsequent SECTIONS

accordingly:

SECTION _____. Section 39.053, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d-1) to read as follows:

(d-1) In aggregating results of assessment instruments across grade levels by subject in accordance with Subsection (c)(1), the performance of a student enrolled below the high school level on an assessment instrument required under Section 39.023(c) is included with results relating to other students enrolled at the same grade level.

SECTION _____. Section 39.203, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) In addition to the distinction designations otherwise described by this section, the commissioner may award a distinction designation to a campus with a significant number of students below grade nine who perform satisfactorily on an end-of-course assessment instrument administered under Section 39.023(c).