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H.B. No. 1703

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the schedule for administration of state-administered
assessment instruments in public schools.

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

SECTION 1. Section 39.023(c-3), Education Code, is amended
to read as follows:

(c-3) In adopting a schedule for the administration of
assessment instruments under this section, the State Board of
Education shall require:

(1) assessment instruments ~~[administered]~~ under
Subsection (a) to be administered on a schedule so that the first
assessment instrument is administered at least two weeks later than
the date on which the first assessment instrument was administered
under Subsection (a) during the 2006-2007 school year; ~~and~~

(2) the spring administration of end-of-course
assessment instruments under Subsection (c) to occur in each school
district not earlier than the first full week in May, except that
the spring administration of the end-of-course assessment
instruments in English I, English II, and English III must be
permitted to occur at an earlier date; and

(3) the administration of assessment instruments
under Subsection (a) and end-of-course assessment instruments
under Subsection (c) to be administered as provided by this
subsection on a date other than a uniform election date under

1 Section 41.001, Election Code.

2 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2011-2012
3 school year.

4 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
5 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
6 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
7 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
8 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.