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H.B. No. 2509

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the implementation of the administration of  
3 end-of-course assessment instruments for high school courses in  
4 public schools.

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

6 SECTION 1. Sections 39.025(f) and (g), Education Code, are  
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (f) The commissioner shall by rule adopt a transition plan  
9 to implement the amendments made by Chapter 1312 (S.B. No. 1031),  
10 Acts of the 80th Legislature, Regular Session, 2007, replacing  
11 general subject assessment instruments administered at the high  
12 school level with end-of-course assessment instruments. The rules  
13 must provide for the end-of-course assessment instruments adopted  
14 under Section 39.023(c) to be administered beginning with students  
15 entering the ninth grade during the 2013-2014 [~~2011-2012~~] school  
16 year. During the period under which the transition to  
17 end-of-course assessment instruments is made:

18 (1) for students entering a grade above the ninth  
19 grade during the 2013-2014 [~~2011-2012~~] school year, the  
20 commissioner shall retain, administer, and use for purposes of  
21 accreditation and other campus and district accountability  
22 measures under this chapter the assessment instruments required by  
23 Section 39.023(a) or (c), as that section existed before amendment  
24 by Chapter 1312 (S.B. No. 1031), Acts of the 80th Legislature,

1 Regular Session, 2007;

2           (2) a student subject to Subdivision (1) may not  
3 receive a high school diploma unless the student has performed  
4 satisfactorily on each required assessment instrument administered  
5 under Section 39.023(c) as that section existed before amendment by  
6 Chapter 1312 (S.B. No. 1031), Acts of the 80th Legislature, Regular  
7 Session, 2007; and

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

12           (g) Rules adopted under Subsection (f) must require that  
13 each student who will be subject to the requirements of Subsection  
14 (a) is entitled to notice of the specific requirements applicable  
15 to the student. Notice under this subsection must be provided not  
16 later than the date the student enters the eighth  
17 grade. Subsection (f) and this subsection expire September 1, 2017  
18 [~~2015~~].

19           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
23 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.