

Amend CSHB 5 (house committee printing) by adding the following SECTIONS to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. (a) Subchapter B, Chapter 39, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 39.039 to read as follows:

Sec. 39.039. GRANT PROGRAM FOR ASSESSMENT INSTRUMENT FEES.

(a) The commissioner by rule shall establish a grant program under which each educationally disadvantaged student may take, without cost to the student:

(1) an advanced placement test;

(2) an international baccalaureate examination; or

(3) any assessment instrument that may be used to satisfy the requirements for an assessment instrument administered under Section 39.023(a), (c), or (l).

(b) Under the grant program, all fees associated with the administration of an assessment instrument shall be paid using only funds appropriated for the purpose from the Texas Enterprise Fund.

(b) This section takes effect September 1, 2013.

SECTION _____. (a) Section 481.078, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (d-2) to read as follows:

(c) Except as provided by Subsections (d), ~~and~~ (d-1), and (d-2), the fund may be used only for economic development, infrastructure development, community development, job training programs, and business incentives.

(d-2) The fund may be used for the grant program established under Section 39.039, Education Code, for the payment of fees associated with the administration of assessment instruments described under that section.

(b) This section takes effect September 1, 2013.