

Amend CSHB 5 (senate committee report) by striking SECTION 31 of the bill, amending Section 39.0261(a), Education Code (page 19, lines 27-55), and substituting the following:

SECTION 31. (a) Section 39.0261, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a) and (e) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a) In addition to the assessment instruments otherwise authorized or required by this subchapter:

~~(1) [each school year and at state cost, a school district shall administer to students in the spring of the eighth grade an established, valid, reliable, and nationally norm-referenced preliminary college preparation assessment instrument for the purpose of diagnosing the academic strengths and deficiencies of students before entrance into high school,~~

~~[(2)] each school year and at state cost, a school district shall administer to high school students, in the spring or fall of the 10th grade, either the PSAT or the ACT-Plan, as determined by the district [~~an established, valid, reliable, and nationally norm-referenced preliminary college preparation assessment instrument for the purpose of measuring a student's progress toward readiness for college and the workplace~~]; and~~

~~(2) each school year and at state cost, a school district may administer to [(3)] high school students, in the spring of the 11th grade, either the SAT or the ACT, as determined by the district and at the student's option, to determine college readiness [~~or during the 12th grade may select and take once, at state cost, one of the valid, reliable, and nationally norm-referenced assessment instruments used by colleges and universities as part of their undergraduate admissions processes~~].~~

~~(a-1) Testing under Subsection (a) must meet standards adopted by commissioner rule, including standards concerning:~~

~~(1) test administration, scheduling, and accommodations;~~

~~(2) data collection;~~

~~(3) reporting; and~~

~~(4) maximum costs.~~

(e) Subsection (a)(2) ~~[(a)(3)]~~ does not prohibit a high

school student in the spring of the 11th grade or during the 12th grade from selecting and taking, at the student's own expense, one of the valid, reliable, and nationally norm-referenced assessment instruments used by colleges and universities as part of their undergraduate admissions processes more than once.

(b) This section applies beginning with the 2013-2014 school year.