

Amend CSHB 2836 (house committee printing) by striking page 1, line 6, through page 3, line 8, and substituting the following:

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

(a) The agency shall adopt the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) [~~or develop appropriate criterion-referenced assessment instruments designed~~] to assess essential knowledge and skills in reading, writing, mathematics, social studies, and science. All [~~Except as provided by Subsection (a-2), all~~] students, other than students assessed under Subsection (b) or (1) or exempted under Section 39.027, shall be assessed annually in grades three through eight using that assessment instrument [~~+~~

~~[(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 in

~~[(6)]~~ any other subject and grade as required by federal law.

SECTION 2. Sections 39.023(a-1) and (a-2), Education Code are repealed.