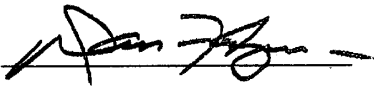




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1 Amend C.S.H.B. 5 by adding the following appropriately
2 numbered SECTION and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill
3 accordingly:

4 SECTION _____. (a) Subchapter B, Chapter 39, Education
5 Code, is amended by adding Section 39.0222 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 39.0222. ALTERNATIVE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM. (a) The
7 agency shall develop and implement an alternative assessment system
8 for students in grade levels three through eight in accordance with
9 this section.

10 (b) A school district may apply to the commissioner for
11 authority to assess students in grade levels three through eight
12 under the alternative system. The commissioner shall approve a
13 district's application unless exceptional circumstances indicate
14 that approval for the specific district is unwarranted.

15 (c) Under the alternative system, the assessment
16 instruments required by Sections 39.023(a), (b), and (l) shall be
17 used to assess a student's progress over the course of a school
18 year. To achieve that purpose, a school district that obtains
19 approval under Subsection (b) of this section shall administer the
20 assessment instruments to students at the beginning of the school
21 year and at the end of the school year.

22 (d) For purposes of public school accountability under this
23 chapter, the performance of a school district participating in the
24 alternative system shall be determined on the basis of a student's
25 progress during the school year.

26 (e) This section does not affect the applicability of
27 Section 28.0211 to students enrolled in a school district
28 participating in an alternative system.

29 (f) The commissioner shall adopt rules necessary to

1 implement this section.

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