

By: King of Parker

H.B. No. 290

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to school district selection of assessment instruments in place of state-administered assessment instruments.

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

SECTION 1. Section 39.026, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 39.026. LOCAL OPTION. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, in place of ~~[In addition to]~~ the assessment instruments adopted by the agency and administered by the State Board of Education, a school district board of trustees may adopt and provide for administration by district employees of ~~[administer]~~ criterion-referenced or norm-referenced assessment instruments~~[, or both,]~~ at any grade level for which administration of assessment instruments is required under Section 39.023. An [A norm-referenced] assessment instrument adopted and administered under this subsection [section] must be economical[, nationally recognized,] and approved by the agency [state-approved]. The commissioner shall adopt rules as necessary for the administration of this subsection, including rules for using the assessment instruments adopted and administered under this subsection for purposes of this code in place of the assessment instruments otherwise required under this subchapter.

(b) In addition to assessment instruments adopted and administered under Subsection (a), a school district board of

1 trustees may adopt and provide for administration of
2 criterion-referenced or norm-referenced assessment instruments at
3 any grade level. An assessment instrument adopted under this
4 subsection must be economical and approved by the agency.

5 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2013-2014
6 school year.

7 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
9 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
11 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.