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H.B. No. 353

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to state assessment of certain public school students  
determined to have dyslexia or a related disorder.

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

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

(n) This subsection applies only to a student who is  
determined to have dyslexia or a related disorder and who is an  
individual with a disability under 29 U.S.C. Section 705(20) and  
its subsequent amendments. The agency shall adopt or develop  
appropriate criterion-referenced and end-of-course assessment  
instruments designed to assess the ability of and to be  
administered to each student to whom this subsection applies for  
whom the assessment instruments adopted or developed under  
Subsection (a) or (c), as applicable, even with allowable  
modifications, would not provide an appropriate measure of student  
achievement, as determined by the committee established by the  
board of trustees of the district to determine the placement of  
students with dyslexia or related disorders. The committee shall  
determine whether any allowable modification is necessary in  
administering to a student an assessment instrument required under  
this subsection. The assessment instruments required under this  
subsection shall be administered on the same schedule as the  
assessment instruments administered under Subsection (a) or (c), as

1 applicable. A student to whom this subsection applies for whom, as  
2 determined in accordance with this subsection, the assessment  
3 instruments adopted or developed under Subsection (a) or (c), as  
4 applicable, even with allowable modifications, would not provide an  
5 appropriate measure of student achievement may be granted an  
6 exemption from the administration of those assessment instruments  
7 until appropriate criterion-referenced or end-of-course assessment  
8 instruments, as applicable, have been adopted or developed as  
9 required under this subsection and thoroughly field tested.

10       SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
11 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
12 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
13 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
14 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.