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H.B. No. 554

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the frequency of the release of questions and answer
3 keys to state assessment instruments administered in public
4 schools.

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

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

8 (e) Under rules adopted by the State Board of Education,
9 each [~~every third~~] year, the agency shall release the questions and
10 answer keys to each assessment instrument administered under
11 Subsection (a), (b), (c), (d), or (l), excluding any assessment
12 instrument administered to a student for the purpose of retaking
13 the assessment instrument, after the last time the instrument is
14 administered for that school year. To ensure a valid bank of
15 questions for use each year, the agency is not required to release a
16 question that is being field-tested and was not used to compute the
17 student's score on the instrument. The agency shall also release,
18 under board rule, each question that is no longer being
19 field-tested and that was not used to compute a student's score.

20 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2013-2014
21 school year.

22 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

2 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.