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H.B. No. 704

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to public school curriculum standards and assessment
3 instruments.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 28.002, Education Code, is amended by
6 adding Subsections (b-1), (b-2), (b-3), and (b-4) to read as
7 follows:

8 (b-1) In this section, "common core state standards" means
9 the national curriculum standards developed by the Common Core
10 State Standards Initiative.

11 (b-2) The State Board of Education may not adopt common core
12 state standards to comply with a duty imposed under this chapter.

13 (b-3) A school district may not use common core state
14 standards to comply with the requirement to provide instruction in
15 the essential knowledge and skills at appropriate grade levels
16 under Subsection (c).

17 (b-4) Notwithstanding any other provision of this code, a
18 school district or open-enrollment charter school may not be
19 required to offer any aspect of a common core state standards
20 curriculum.

21 SECTION 2. Section 39.023, Education Code, is amended by
22 adding Subsection (a-3) to read as follows:

23 (a-3) The agency may not adopt or develop a
24 criterion-referenced assessment instrument under this section

1 based on common core state standards as defined by Section
2 28.002(b-1).

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