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H.B. No. 1195

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to state assessment instruments administered in grades
3 three through eight in public schools.

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

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

7 (a) The agency shall adopt or develop appropriate
8 criterion-referenced assessment instruments designed to assess
9 essential knowledge and skills in subjects as prescribed under this
10 subsection [~~reading, writing, mathematics, social studies, and~~
11 ~~science~~]. Except as provided by Subsection (a-2), all students,
12 other than students assessed under Subsection (b) or (1) or
13 exempted under Section 39.027, shall be assessed in:

14 (1) mathematics, annually in grades three through
15 seven without the aid of technology and in grade eight with the aid
16 of technology on any assessment instrument that includes algebra;

17 (2) reading, annually in grades three through eight;

18 (3) [~~writing, including spelling and grammar, in~~
19 ~~grades four and seven,~~

20 [~~(4) social studies, in grade eight,~~

21 [~~(5)] science, in grades five and eight; and~~

22 (4) [~~(6)] any other subject and grade required by~~

23 federal law.

24 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2013-2014

1 school year.

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