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H.B. No. 1916

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to exempting students from certain end-of-course  
3 assessment instruments based on certain alternative performance.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 39.025, Education Code, is amended by  
6 amending Subsection (a-1) and adding Subsection (a-4) to read as  
7 follows:

8 (a-1) The commissioner by rule shall determine a method by  
9 which a student's satisfactory performance on an [~~advanced~~  
10 ~~placement test,~~] international baccalaureate examination[~~, an SAT~~  
11 ~~Subject Test,~~] or another assessment instrument determined by the  
12 commissioner to be at least as rigorous as an end-of-course  
13 assessment instrument adopted under Section 39.023(c) may be used  
14 as a factor in determining whether the student satisfies the  
15 requirements of Subsection (a), including the cumulative score  
16 requirement of that subsection. The commissioner by rule may  
17 determine a method by which a student's satisfactory performance on  
18 a Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test (PSAT) [~~assessment~~] or a  
19 preliminary American College Test (ACT) [~~assessment~~] may be used as  
20 a factor in determining whether the student satisfies the  
21 requirements of Subsection (a).

22 (a-4) The commissioner shall determine a method by which a  
23 student's satisfactory performance on an SAT Subject Test or  
24 successful completion of a dual credit course, as determined in

1 accordance with commissioner rule, may be used to satisfy the  
2 requirements concerning an end-of-course assessment instrument in  
3 an equivalent subject as prescribed by Subsection (a), including  
4 the cumulative score requirement of that subsection. The  
5 commissioner shall determine a method by which a student's score of  
6 three or higher on an advanced placement test in a subject may be  
7 used to satisfy the requirements concerning an end-of-course  
8 assessment instrument in an equivalent subject as prescribed by  
9 Subsection (a), including the cumulative score requirement of that  
10 subsection. The commissioner shall determine a method by which a  
11 student's overall score on or score on a portion of the Scholastic  
12 Assessment Test (SAT) or American College Test (ACT), determined by  
13 the commissioner in consultation with the commissioner of higher  
14 education to be equal to or higher than the minimum score acceptable  
15 for admission to a public institution of higher education in this  
16 state, may be used to satisfy the requirements concerning an  
17 end-of-course assessment instrument in one or more appropriate  
18 subjects as prescribed by Subsection (a), including the cumulative  
19 score requirement of that subsection. The commissioner shall adopt  
20 rules as necessary for the administration of this subsection.

21 SECTION 2. Section 39.023(o), Education Code, is repealed.

22 SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2013-2014  
23 school year.

24 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
25 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
26 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
27 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.