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H.B. No. 2329

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
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.