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S.B. No. 1309

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to assessment alternatives or accommodations for certain public school students in special education programs.

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

SECTION 1. Section 39.023, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsections (b-1) and (b-2) to read as follows:

(b-1) The agency, in conjunction with appropriate interested persons, shall redevelop assessment instruments adopted or developed under Subsection (b) for administration to significantly cognitively disabled students in a manner consistent with federal law. An assessment instrument under this subsection may not require a teacher to prepare tasks or materials for a student who will be administered such an assessment instrument.

(b-2) Assessment instruments redeveloped under Subsection (b-1) shall be administered beginning not later than the 2014-2015 school year. This subsection expires September 1, 2015.

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