

Amend SB 313 on third reading by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

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

(b-2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, and to the extent consistent with federal law, a student in a special education program under Subchapter A, Chapter 29, may be exempted from the administration of an assessment instrument otherwise required under this section if the student's admission, review, and dismissal committee, in consultation with the student's parent or a person standing in parental relation to the student, determines that the exemption is in the student's best interests. The student's admission, review, and dismissal committee, in consultation with the student's parent or a person standing in parental relation to the student, shall develop an individual progress plan for a student exempt from administration of an assessment instrument as provided by this subsection. The commissioner shall adopt rules as necessary to administer this subsection.