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H.B. No. 742

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to eliminating the state-required assessment instrument
3 in social studies administered to public school students in eighth
4 grade.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 39.023(a), Education Code, as effective
7 until on or before September 1, 2015, is amended to read as follows:

8 (a) The agency shall adopt or develop appropriate
9 criterion-referenced assessment instruments designed to assess
10 essential knowledge and skills in reading, writing, mathematics,
11 ~~[social studies,~~ and science. Except as provided by Subsection
12 (a-2), all students, other than students assessed under Subsection
13 (b) or (1) or 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 grades
19 four and seven;

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

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

22 (5) ~~[(6)]~~ any other subject and grade required by
23 federal law.

24 SECTION 2. Section 39.023(a), Education Code, as effective

1 on or before September 1, 2015, is amended to read as follows:

2 (a) The agency shall adopt or develop appropriate
3 criterion-referenced assessment instruments designed to assess
4 essential knowledge and skills in reading, writing, mathematics,
5 ~~[social studies,~~ and science. Except as provided by Subsection
6 (a-2), all students, other than students assessed under Subsection
7 (b) or (1) or exempted under Section 39.027, shall be assessed in:

8 (1) mathematics, in grades three and five without the
9 aid of technology and in grade eight with the aid of technology on
10 any assessment instrument that includes algebra;

11 (2) reading, in grades three, five, and eight;

12 (3) writing, including spelling and grammar, in grades
13 four and seven; and

14 (4) ~~[social studies, in grade eight, and~~

15 ~~(5)]~~ science, in grades five and eight.

16 SECTION 3. Section 39.023(a), Education Code, as effective
17 September 1, 2017, is amended to read as follows:

18 (a) The agency shall adopt or develop appropriate
19 criterion-referenced assessment instruments designed to assess
20 essential knowledge and skills in reading, writing, mathematics,
21 ~~[social studies,~~ and science. Except as provided by Subsection
22 (a-2), all students, other than students assessed under Subsection
23 (b) or (1) or exempted under Section 39.027, shall be assessed in:

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

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

1 (3) writing, including spelling and grammar, in grades
2 four and seven;

3 (4) [~~social studies, in grade eight,~~
4 [~~5~~] science, in grades five and eight; and

5 (5) [~~6~~] any other subject and grade required by
6 federal law.

7 SECTION 4. Section 39.203(c), Education Code, is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 (c) In addition to the distinction designations described
10 by Subsections (a) and (b), a campus that satisfies the criteria
11 developed under Section 39.204 shall be awarded a distinction
12 designation by the commissioner for outstanding performance in
13 academic achievement in English language arts, mathematics, or
14 science[~~, or social studies~~].

15 SECTION 5. This Act applies beginning with the 2015-2016
16 school year.

17 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
18 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
19 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
20 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
21 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.