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H.B. No. 811

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to administering certain assessment instruments to public school students in certain grades for diagnostic purposes only.

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

SECTION 1. Section 39.023, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-12) to read as follows:

(a-12) Notwithstanding any other law, an assessment instrument administered to students under Subsection (a) in social studies or in writing may be used only for the purpose of diagnosing the academic strengths and deficiencies of students. The results of assessment instruments administered to students under Subsection (a) in social studies or in writing may not be used for purposes of the determination of accreditation status for school districts or performance ratings or distinction designations for school districts or campuses under this chapter.

SECTION 2. Section 39.203(c), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

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

SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2015-2016

1 school year.

2 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.