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H.B. No. 1866

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authorization of alternative assessment instruments for use under the public school accountability system.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 39, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 39.041 to read as follows:

Sec. 39.041. ALTERNATIVE ASSESSMENT INSTRUMENTS. The commissioner by rule shall adopt procedures to include the following assessment instruments as additional alternative assessment instruments that may be used to evaluate student achievement for purposes of complying with accountability requirements under this chapter:

(1) ACT Explore;

(2) Independent School Entrance Exam (ISEE);

(3) Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS);

(4) National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP);

(5) Program for International Student Assessment (PISA);

(6) Stanford Achievement Test, Ninth and Tenth Editions (SAT-9 or SAT-10); and

(7) Secondary School Admission Test (SSAT).

SECTION 2. Not later than September 1, 2016, the commissioner of education shall adopt rules regarding alternative

1 assessment instruments as required by Section 39.041, Education
2 Code, as added by this Act.

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