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H.B. No. 2482

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the validity, reliability, and design of certain
3 state-adopted or state-developed assessment instruments for public
4 school students.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 39.023, Education Code, is amended by
7 adding Subsections (a-11) and (a-12) to read as follows:

8 (a-11) Subject to available appropriations, before an
9 assessment instrument adopted or developed under Subsection (a) may
10 be administered under that subsection, the assessment instrument
11 must, on the basis of empirical evidence, be determined to be valid
12 and reliable by a research institution that:

13 (1) has nationally recognized expertise in
14 determining validity and reliability of assessment instruments;
15 and

16 (2) is independent of the agency and of any other
17 entity that developed the assessment instrument.

18 (a-12) The agency shall ensure that an assessment
19 instrument adopted or developed under Subsection (a) is designed
20 only to assess student understanding of the essential knowledge and
21 skills identified by the State Board of Education under Section
22 28.002 of the subject and for the grade level for which the
23 assessment instrument is administered.

24 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2015-2016

1 school year.

2 SECTION 3. 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.