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S.B. No. 1431

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to promoting efficiency in school district administration  
3 by limiting, reducing, simplifying, or eliminating certain  
4 processes and procedures.

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

6 SECTION 1. Sections 7.060(a) and (b), Education Code, are  
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (a) At least once each [~~even-numbered~~] year, the  
9 commissioner shall review and, to the greatest extent practicable,  
10 reduce and consolidate written reports and other paperwork,  
11 including surveys, required of a school district by the agency.

12 (b) The commissioner shall adopt a policy that limits  
13 written reports and other paperwork, including surveys, that a  
14 principal or classroom teacher may be required by the agency to  
15 complete.

16 SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 38, Education Code, is  
17 amended by adding Section 38.1045 to read as follows:

18 Sec. 38.1045. COMMISSIONER REVIEW OF ASSESSMENT  
19 PROCEDURES. The commissioner shall review the procedures for  
20 performing, reporting, and analyzing the results of physical  
21 fitness assessment instruments administered under this subchapter  
22 and develop alternative procedures for simplifying, to the greatest  
23 extent practicable, each stage of the process.

24 SECTION 3. Subchapter B, Chapter 39, Education Code, is

1 amended by adding Section 39.0225 to read as follows:

2 Sec. 39.0225. PERSONNEL FOR ADMINISTRATION OF ASSESSMENT  
3 INSTRUMENTS. Each school district shall review assessment  
4 instrument administration procedures and develop a plan to reduce,  
5 to the greatest extent practicable, the number of personnel used to  
6 administer assessment instruments required under Section 39.023.

7 SECTION 4. The heading to Section 39.035, Education Code,  
8 is amended to read as follows:

9 Sec. 39.035. [~~LIMITATION ON~~] FIELD TESTING OF ASSESSMENT  
10 INSTRUMENTS PROHIBITED.

11 SECTION 5. Section 39.035(a), Education Code, is amended to  
12 read as follows:

13 (a) The [~~Subject to Subsection (b), the~~] agency may not  
14 conduct field testing of questions for any assessment instrument  
15 administered under Section 39.023(a), (b), (c), (d), or (l) [~~that~~  
16 ~~is separate from the administration of the assessment instrument~~  
17 ~~not more frequently than every other school year~~].

18 SECTION 6. Sections 39.035(b) and (c), Education Code, are  
19 repealed.

20 SECTION 7. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.