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S.B. No. 1005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the use of the SAT or the ACT as a secondary exit-level
3 assessment instrument to allow certain public school students to
4 receive a high school diploma.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 39.025, Education Code, is amended by
7 amending Subsection (f) and adding Subsection (f-1) to read as
8 follows:

9 (f) The commissioner shall by rule adopt a transition plan
10 to implement the amendments made by Chapter 1312 (S.B. No. 1031),
11 Acts of the 80th Legislature, Regular Session, 2007, replacing
12 general subject assessment instruments administered at the high
13 school level with end-of-course assessment instruments. The rules
14 must provide for the end-of-course assessment instruments adopted
15 under Section 39.023(c) to be administered beginning with students
16 enrolled in [entering] the ninth grade for the first time during the
17 2011-2012 school year. During the period under which the
18 transition to end-of-course assessment instruments is made:

19 (1) for students entering a grade above the ninth
20 grade during the 2011-2012 school year or students repeating ninth
21 grade during the 2011-2012 school year, the commissioner shall
22 retain, administer, and use for purposes of accreditation and other
23 campus and district accountability measures under this chapter the
24 assessment instruments required by Section 39.023(a) or (c), as

1 that section existed before amendment by Chapter 1312 (S.B.
2 No. 1031), Acts of the 80th Legislature, Regular Session, 2007; and

3 (2) a student subject to Subdivision (1) may not
4 receive a high school diploma unless the student has performed
5 satisfactorily on the SAT or the ACT as provided by Subsection (f-1)
6 or on each required assessment instrument administered under
7 Section 39.023(c), as that section existed before amendment by
8 Chapter 1312 (S.B. No. 1031), Acts of the 80th Legislature, Regular
9 Session, 2007.

10 (f-1) The commissioner shall establish satisfactory
11 performance levels for the SAT and the ACT that are equivalent in
12 rigor to the performance level required to be met under Subsection
13 (a), as that subsection existed before amendment by Chapter 1312
14 (S.B. No. 1031), Acts of the 80th Legislature, Regular Session,
15 2007, that qualify a student subject to Subsection (f)(1) to
16 receive a high school diploma. Notwithstanding Subsection (f), the
17 commissioner is not required after September 1, 2017, to maintain
18 and administer assessment instruments administered under Section
19 39.023(c), as that section existed before amendment by Chapter 1312
20 (S.B. No. 1031), Acts of the 80th Legislature, Regular Session,
21 2007.

22 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
25 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
26 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.