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S.B. No. 1005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

(1) for students entering a grade above the ninth grade during the 2011-2012 school year or students repeating ninth grade during the 2011-2012 school year, the commissioner shall retain, administer, and use for purposes of accreditation and other campus and district accountability measures under this chapter the 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.