

By: Taylor of Galveston

S.B. No. 1212

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the use of alternative or substitute exit-level assessment instruments 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(f), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(f) A student who entered a grade above the ninth grade during the 2011-2012 school year or who repeated the ninth grade during the 2011-2012 school year may not receive a high school diploma unless the student [~~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 entering the ninth grade during the 2011-2012 school year. During the period under which the transition to end-of-course assessment instruments is made~~]:

(1) has performed satisfactorily on each required assessment instrument administered under Section 39.023(c), as that section existed before September 1, 2007 [~~for students entering a grade above the ninth grade during the 2011-2012 school~~

1 ~~year, the commissioner shall retain, administer, and use for~~  
2 ~~purposes of accreditation and other campus and district~~  
3 ~~accountability measures under this chapter the assessment~~  
4 ~~instruments required by Section 39.023(a) or (c), as that section~~  
5 ~~existed before amendment by Chapter 1312 (S.B. No. 1031), Acts of~~  
6 ~~the 80th Legislature, Regular Session, 2007]; or [and]~~

7           (2) meets the exit-level requirements using an  
8 alternative assessment instrument adopted by the commissioner  
9 under Subsection (d) or an allowed substitute assessment instrument  
10 selected by the commissioner under Subsection (a-2), as added by  
11 Chapter 1036 (H.B. 1613), Acts of the 84th Legislature, Regular  
12 Session, 2015 [~~a student subject to Subdivision (1) may not receive~~  
13 ~~a high school diploma unless the student has performed~~  
14 ~~satisfactorily on each required assessment instrument administered~~  
15 ~~under Section 39.023(c) as that section existed before amendment by~~  
16 ~~Chapter 1312 (S.B. No. 1031), Acts of the 80th Legislature, Regular~~  
17 ~~Session, 2007)].~~

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