

Amend CSHB 3 (senate committee report), in ARTICLE 2 of the bill, by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to that article and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS accordingly:

SECTION 2.____. Subchapter B, Chapter 39, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 39.040 to read as follows:

Sec. 39.040. ALTERNATIVE ASSESSMENT INSTRUMENT. The commissioner by rule shall adopt procedures under which a third grade reading assessment instrument adopted under Section 48.109(e) may be used to evaluate student achievement for purposes of:

(1) complying with accountability requirements under this chapter; and

(2) determining promotion under Section 28.021.