

Amend Amendment No. 52 by Watson to **CSHB 3**, in ARTICLE 2 of the bill, adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to that article, adding Section 39.040, Education Code, by striking lines 6-23 and substituting the following:

Sec. 39.040. STUDY OF ALTERNATIVE ASSESSMENT INSTRUMENT.

(a) The commissioner shall conduct a study to determine whether a third grade reading assessment instrument adopted under Section 48.109(e) may be used to evaluate student achievement for purposes of complying with:

(1) accountability requirements under this chapter;  
and

(2) federal law.

(b) If the commissioner identifies an assessment instrument that meets the requirements of Subsection (a), the commissioner shall allow for the use of the alternative assessment instrument in order to comply with the accountability requirements under this chapter.

(c) Not later than December 1, 2020, the commissioner shall produce and submit to the legislature an interim report detailing the progress and any results of the study as of that date.

(d) Not later than December 1, 2022, the commissioner shall produce and submit to the legislature a final report containing the results of the study conducted under this section.