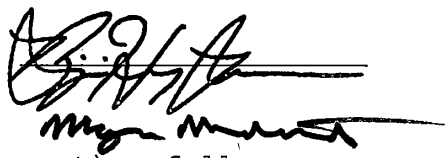




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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

BY: 

1 Amend C.S.H.B. No. 3 (house committee report) as follows:

2 (1) Add the following appropriately numbered SECTION to
3 Article 2 of the bill and renumber subsequent SECTIONS of that
4 article accordingly:

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

7 Sec. 39.040. ALTERNATIVE ASSESSMENT INSTRUMENTS. (a) The
8 commissioner by rule shall adopt procedures to identify nationally
9 recognized assessment instruments, including the SAT and the ACT,
10 as additional alternative assessment instruments that may be used
11 to evaluate secondary-level student achievement.

12 (b) The procedures adopted to identify all additional
13 alternative assessment instruments under Subsection (a) must be
14 consistent with the federal procedures required by the Every
15 Student Succeeds Act (20 U.S.C. Section 6311) for state approval of
16 nationally recognized high school academic assessment instruments
17 that are available for local selection, including developing
18 evidence, through a peer review process, that each additional
19 alternative assessment instrument identified is aligned with the
20 essential knowledge and skills for the appropriate grade level in
21 the subject assessed.

22 (c) The commissioner by rule shall designate performance
23 standards for each assessment instrument identified under
24 Subsection (a) in the same manner as the commissioner designates
25 performance standards for student performance on each
26 end-of-course assessment instrument listed in Section 39.023(c).

27 (d) The commissioner by rule shall determine a method for
28 appropriately including under Section 39.053(c)(1) the results of
29 alternative assessment instruments administered as authorized

1 under this section, based on student performance as determined
2 under the performance standards designated for the appropriate
3 assessment instrument under Subsection (c).

4 (2) Add the following appropriately numbered SECTION to
5 Article 5 of the bill and renumber subsequent SECTIONS of that
6 article accordingly:

7 SECTION 5.__. As soon as practicable after the effective
8 date of this Act, the commissioner of education shall adopt rules
9 under Section 39.040, Education Code, as added by this Act,
10 regarding the authorization of alternative assessment instruments
11 for use under the public school accountability system as provided
12 by this Act.