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By:  Johnson S.B. No. 1473

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment and use of performance standards for certain secondary-level alternate assessment instruments administered to public school students.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 39.0241, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-2) to read as follows:

(a-2)  This subsection applies only to an assessment instrument authorized under Section 39.025(a-1) or Section 39.025(a-2), as added by Chapter 1036 (H.B. 1613), Acts of the 84th Legislature, Regular Session, 2015, for use as an alternate assessment instrument for purposes of satisfying the requirements concerning an end-of-course assessment instrument. The commissioner shall designate performance standards for student performance on each assessment instrument subject to this subsection in the same manner as the commissioner designates performance standards for student performance on each end-of-course assessment instrument listed in Section 39.023(c).

SECTION 2.  Section 39.053, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c-4) to read as follows:

(c-4)  The commissioner by rule shall determine a method for appropriately crediting a student for growth under Subsection (c)(2) based on the student's performance, as determined under the performance standards designated under Section 39.0241(a-2), on an alternate assessment instrument.

SECTION 3.  This Act applies beginning with the 2019-2020 school year.

SECTION 4.  This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2019.