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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the United States history end-of-course assessment instrument for public high school students.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 39.023, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c-7) to read as follows:

(c-7)  The United States history end-of-course assessment instrument adopted under Subsection (c) must include 10 questions randomly selected by the agency from the civics test administered by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services as part of the naturalization process under the federal Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. Section 1101 et seq.). The agency shall:

(1)  ensure that only questions aligning with the United States history curriculum adopted under Subchapter A, Chapter 28, are included in the end-of-course assessment instrument; and

(2)  annually report which questions were included in the end-of-course assessment instrument under this subsection, their answers, and the campus, district, and statewide data associated with students' performance under this subsection.

SECTION 2.  This Act applies beginning with students who enter the ninth grade during the 2019-2020 school year.

SECTION 3.  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.