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H.B. No. 2824

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2824:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the pilot program for assessing public school students in writing under an alternative method.

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

SECTION 1. Section 39.02301, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsections (b), (d), (f), (g), (h), and (j) and adding Subsections (b-1) and (b-2) to read as follows:

(b) During the 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, [2016-2017] and 2022-2023 [2017-2018] school years, the agency shall operate ~~[establish]~~ a pilot program as provided by this section to implement in designated school districts the writing assessment method developed under Subsection (a).

(b-1) The commissioner shall establish a committee to assist the agency in planning, evaluating, and overseeing the pilot program under this section. The committee shall provide guidance on:

- (1) the program's timeline and scoring rubric;
- (2) professional development for teachers on the writing assessment method developed under Subsection (a); and
- (3) a feedback and reflection process between teachers and students to evaluate the results of writing assessments administered under the program.

(b-2) The commissioner shall appoint the following members to the committee established under Subsection (b-1):

1 (1) at least three administrators employed by a school
2 district that participates in the program;

3 (2) at least three educators, other than
4 administrators, employed by a school district that participates in
5 the program; and

6 (3) representatives of regional education service
7 centers, public institutions of higher education, and the agency.

8 (d) A school district designated to participate in the pilot
9 program under this section is not required to comply with the
10 writing assessment requirements under Sections 39.023(a) and (c),
11 and may not administer to students enrolled in the district the
12 writing assessment instruments required under those provisions,
13 during the period the district is participating in the pilot
14 program. The agency shall, to the greatest extent practicable,
15 apply cost savings that result from the exemption under this
16 subsection to offset the costs accrued under this section.

17 (f) The individuals responsible for scoring student writing
18 assessments under the pilot program shall be coordinated [~~jointly~~]
19 by the agency with joint participation of:

20 (1) the school district in which the student is
21 enrolled and that is participating in the pilot program;

22 (2) a public junior college or institution of higher
23 education that enters into an agreement with the participating
24 school district; and

25 (3) the regional education service center that serves
26 the participating district.

27 (g) The agency shall develop methods to determine the

1 validity of the scoring process [~~A random sampling of scored~~
2 ~~student writing assessments, the size of which the agency shall~~
3 ~~determine, shall be delivered to the agency].~~

4 (h) [~~Not later than September 1, 2016, the agency shall~~
5 ~~prepare and deliver to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the~~
6 ~~speaker of the house of representatives, and the presiding officer~~
7 ~~of each legislative standing committee with primary jurisdiction~~
8 ~~over primary and secondary education a report covering the study of~~
9 ~~the development of the writing assessment method under Subsection~~
10 ~~(a).~~] Not later than September 1, 2021, and September 1, 2023 [~~of~~
11 ~~each year in 2017 and 2018~~], the agency shall prepare and deliver to
12 the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of
13 representatives, and the presiding officer of each legislative
14 standing committee with primary jurisdiction over primary and
15 secondary education a report that:

16 (1) evaluates the implementation and progress of the
17 pilot program under this section; and

18 (2) makes recommendations regarding the continuation
19 or expansion of the pilot program.

20 (j) This section expires September 1, 2023 [~~2019~~].

21 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
22 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
23 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
24 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
25 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.