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H.B. No. 2824

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. Sections [39.02301](#)(b), (f), (g), (h), and (j), Education Code, are amended 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).

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

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

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

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

(g) The agency shall develop methods to determine the validity of the scoring process ~~[A random sampling of scored student writing assessments, the size of which the agency shall~~

1 ~~determine, shall be delivered to the agency].~~

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

14 (1) evaluates the implementation and progress of the
15 pilot program under this section; and

16 (2) makes recommendations regarding the continuation
17 or expansion of the pilot program.

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

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