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S.B. No. 1032

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the right of a parent of a public school student to
3 request that the student receive instruction or an assessment
4 instrument in a printed format.

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

6 SECTION 1. Chapter 26, Education Code, is amended by adding
7 Section 26.014 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 26.014. RIGHTS TO PRINTED MATERIAL. (a) A student's
9 parent or legal guardian is entitled to request that the school
10 district or open-enrollment charter school the student attends
11 provide instruction or administer an assessment instrument to the
12 student in a printed or other noncomputerized format. A request
13 under this section may not be unreasonably denied.

14 (b) A school district or open-enrollment charter school
15 must document each request made under Subsection (a), including, if
16 the request was denied, the reason for denial. Not later than the
17 30th day after the date the district or school receives the request,
18 the district or school must report the request to the agency.

19 (c) Not later than September 1 of each year, the agency
20 shall submit an annual report to the legislature that includes the
21 number of requests made under Subsection (a) that each school
22 district and open-enrollment charter school received and, if any
23 requests were denied, the reasons for denial.

24 SECTION 2. Section 26.014, Education Code, as added by this

1 Act, applies beginning with the 2019-2020 school year.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.