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S.B. No. 1275

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to requiring school districts to administer college
3 readiness assessment instruments to certain students at state cost.

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

5 SECTION 1. Sections 39.0261(a) and (e), Education Code, are
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (a) In addition to the assessment instruments otherwise
8 authorized or required by this subchapter:

9 (1) each school year and at state cost, a school
10 district may administer to students in the spring of the eighth
11 grade an established, valid, reliable, and nationally
12 norm-referenced preliminary college preparation assessment
13 instrument for the purpose of diagnosing the academic strengths and
14 deficiencies of students before entrance into high school;

15 (2) each school year and at state cost, a school
16 district may administer to students in the 10th grade an
17 established, valid, reliable, and nationally norm-referenced
18 preliminary college preparation assessment instrument for the
19 purpose of measuring a student's progress toward readiness for
20 college and the workplace; ~~and~~

21 (3) each school year and at state cost, a school
22 district shall administer to students in a grade level determined
23 by the commissioner who have been administered the Algebra I
24 end-of-course assessment or English I and English II end-of-course

1 assessments as described by Section 39.023(a-2)(2) one of the
2 valid, reliable, and nationally norm-referenced assessment
3 instruments used by colleges and universities as part of their
4 undergraduate admissions processes for the purpose of fulfilling
5 federal requirements regarding assessment at the high school level;
6 and

7 (4) high school students in the spring of the 11th
8 grade or during the 12th grade, other than students administered an
9 assessment instrument under Subdivision (3), may select and take
10 once, at state cost, one of the valid, reliable, and nationally
11 norm-referenced assessment instruments used by colleges and
12 universities as part of their undergraduate admissions processes.

13 (e) Subsection (a)(4) [~~(a)(3)~~] does not prohibit a high
14 school student in the [~~spring of the~~] 11th grade or during the 12th
15 grade from selecting and taking, at the student's own expense, one
16 of the valid, reliable, and nationally norm-referenced assessment
17 instruments used by colleges and universities as part of their
18 undergraduate admissions processes [~~more than once~~].

19 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2019-2020
20 school year.

21 SECTION 3. 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.