

1-1 By: Taylor S.B. No. 1453
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 4, 2019; March 14, 2019, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Education; April 16, 2019,
 1-4 reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the
 1-5 following vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0; April 16, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Taylor	X			
1-8 Lucio	X			
1-9 Bettencourt	X			
1-10 Campbell	X			
1-11 Fallon	X			
1-12 Hall	X			
1-13 Hughes	X			
1-14 Paxton	X			
1-15 Powell	X			
1-16 Watson	X			
1-17 West	X			

1-19 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1453 By: Taylor

1-20 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-21 AN ACT

1-22 relating to the use of calculator applications in place of graphing
 1-23 calculators in public schools.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 25, Education Code, is
 1-26 amended by adding Section 25.904 to read as follows:

1-27 Sec. 25.904. USE OF CALCULATOR APPLICATION IN PLACE OF
 1-28 GRAPHING CALCULATOR. (a) A school district shall permit a student
 1-29 enrolled in a course that requires the student to use a graphing
 1-30 calculator to use a calculator application on a computing device,
 1-31 including a personal, laptop, or tablet computer, that provides the
 1-32 same functionality, unless the district makes available to the
 1-33 student a graphing calculator at no cost to the student.

1-34 (b) A school district may adopt policies related to student
 1-35 use of a computing device under this section.

1-36 (c) To the extent this section conflicts with Section
 1-37 37.082, this section prevails.

1-38 (d) The agency shall conduct an evaluation of best practices
 1-39 for the use of a calculator application on a computing device by a
 1-40 student during an assessment instrument administered under Section
 1-41 39.023. On completion of the evaluation the agency shall adopt
 1-42 rules establishing a policy for the permitted use of a calculator
 1-43 application on a computing device. The rules must specify the types
 1-44 of calculator applications and computing devices students are
 1-45 authorized to use and the circumstances under which each calculator
 1-46 application and computing device may be used. The agency shall post
 1-47 to the agency's Internet website and communicate to each school
 1-48 district the policy adopted under this subsection and a list of
 1-49 approved calculator applications and computing devices, including
 1-50 information relating to the cost and functionality of each listed
 1-51 calculator application and computing device.

1-52 SECTION 2. Not later than January 1, 2020, the Texas
 1-53 Education Agency shall adopt rules establishing a policy for the
 1-54 use of a calculator application on a computing device as required by
 1-55 Section 25.904(d), Education Code, as added by this Act.

1-56 SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2019-2020
 1-57 school year.

1-58 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-59 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-60 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

2-1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-2 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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