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H.B. No. 1225

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the administration of certain required assessment
instruments in paper format.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 39, Education Code, is
amended by adding Section 39.02342 to read as follows:

Sec. 39.02342. PAPER ADMINISTRATION OF ASSESSMENT
INSTRUMENTS ON REQUEST. (a) Subject to Subsection (c), a school
district may administer an assessment instrument required under
Section 39.023(a), (c), or (l) in paper format to any student whose
parent, guardian, or teacher in the applicable subject area
requests the assessment instrument be administered to the student
in paper format.

(b) A request for the administration of an assessment
instrument in paper format to a student under this section must be
submitted to the school district:

(1) for a fall administration of an assessment
instrument, not later than September 15 of the school year in which
the assessment instrument will be administered; and

(2) for a spring administration of an assessment
instrument, not later than December 1 of the school year in which
the assessment instrument will be administered.

(c) The number of students enrolled at a school district who
are administered an assessment instrument in paper format for any

single administration under this section may not exceed three percent of the number of students enrolled in the district. On receipt of more requests for administration of an assessment instrument than the maximum number permitted under this subsection, the district shall accept the requests in the order received until the maximum number is reached. The limitation described by this subsection does not apply to a student whose admission, review, and dismissal committee determines that the administration of an assessment instrument in paper format is a necessary modification for the student.

SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2023-2024 school year.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2023.