

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

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

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

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1225 was passed by the House on May 3, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 146, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1225 was passed by the Senate on May 16, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor