

Amend HB 2836 by striking page 1, line 6, through page 3, line 8, and substituting the following:

SECTION 1. Section 39.023(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The agency shall adopt an assessment instrument described under this subsection ~~[or develop appropriate criterion-referenced assessment instruments designed]~~ to assess essential knowledge and skills in reading, writing, mathematics, social studies, and science. All ~~[Except as provided by Subsection (a-2), all]~~ students, other than students assessed under Subsection (b) or (1) or exempted under Section 39.027, shall be assessed annually in grades three through eight using that assessment instrument ~~[÷~~

~~[(1) mathematics, annually in grades three through seven without the aid of technology and in grade eight with the aid of technology on any assessment instrument that includes algebra;~~

~~[(2) reading, annually in grades three through eight;~~

~~[(3) writing, including spelling and grammar, in grades four and seven;~~

~~[(4) social studies, in grade eight;~~

~~[(5) science, in grades five and eight;]~~ and in

~~[(6)]~~ any other subject and grade as required by federal law. The agency may adopt one of the following assessment instruments as required under this subsection:

(1) SAT;

(2) ACT;

(3) PSAT/NMSQT;

(4) Stanford Achievement Test (SAT-9 or SAT-10);

(5) Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS);

(6) National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP);

(7) Independent School Entrance Exam (ISEE);

(8) Secondary School Admission Test (SSAT);

(9) EXPLORE;

(10) PLAN;

(11) International Baccalaureate Exam (IB); and

(12) Advanced Placement Exams (AP).

SECTION 2. Sections 39.023(a-1) and (a-2), Education Code
are repealed.