

AN ACT

relating to state control of teacher appraisal criteria, curriculum standards, and assessment instruments.

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

SECTION 1. Section 28.002, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsections (b-1), (b-2), (b-3), and (b-4) to read as follows:

(b-1) In this section, "common core state standards" means the national curriculum standards developed by the Common Core State Standards Initiative.

(b-2) The State Board of Education may not adopt common core state standards to comply with a duty imposed under this chapter.

(b-3) A school district may not use common core state standards to comply with the requirement to provide instruction in the essential knowledge and skills at appropriate grade levels under Subsection (c).

(b-4) Notwithstanding any other provision of this code, a school district or open-enrollment charter school may not be required to offer any aspect of a common core state standards curriculum.

SECTION 2. Section 39.023, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-3) to read as follows:

(a-3) The agency may not adopt or develop a criterion-referenced assessment instrument under this section

1 based on common core state standards as defined by Section
2 28.002(b-1). This subsection does not prohibit the use of college
3 advanced placement tests or international baccalaureate
4 examinations as those terms are defined by Section 28.051.

5 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
6 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
9 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 462 was passed by the House on May 7, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 140, Nays 2, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 462 on May 23, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 145, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 462 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 21, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 25, Nays 6.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor