

AN ACT

1
2 relating to school district discretion to administer college
3 preparation assessment instruments to public school students at
4 state cost.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 39.0261(a), Education Code, is amended
7 to read as follows:

8 (a) In addition to the assessment instruments otherwise
9 authorized or required by this subchapter:

10 (1) each school year and at state cost, a school
11 district may [~~shall~~] administer to students in the spring of the
12 eighth grade an established, valid, reliable, and nationally
13 norm-referenced preliminary college preparation assessment
14 instrument for the purpose of diagnosing the academic strengths and
15 deficiencies of students before entrance into high school;

16 (2) each school year and at state cost, a school
17 district may [~~shall~~] administer to students in the 10th grade an
18 established, valid, reliable, and nationally norm-referenced
19 preliminary college preparation assessment instrument for the
20 purpose of measuring a student's progress toward readiness for
21 college and the workplace; and

22 (3) high school students in the spring of the 11th
23 grade or during the 12th grade may select and take once, at state
24 cost, one of the valid, reliable, and nationally norm-referenced

1 assessment instruments used by colleges and universities as part of
2 their undergraduate admissions processes.

3 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2017-2018
4 school year.

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, 2017.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 825 passed the Senate on May 16, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 28, Nays 2.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 825 passed the House on May 24, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 3, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor