

## ATTACHMENT

### Statutory Citation Relating to Study of Essential Knowledge and Skills and Assessment Instruments

#### Texas Education Code, §39.0236, Study of Essential Knowledge and Skills and Assessment Instruments, as added by House Bill 743, 84th Texas Legislature, 2015:

- (a) The agency shall conduct a study regarding the essential knowledge and skills of the required curriculum identified by the State Board of Education under Section 28.002 and assessment instruments administered under Section 39.023.
- (b) The study must evaluate:
  - (1) the number and scope of the essential knowledge and skills of each subject of the required curriculum under Section 28.002, with each essential knowledge or skill identified as a readiness or supporting standard, and whether the number or scope should be limited;
  - (2) the number and subjects of assessment instruments under Section 39.023 that are required to be administered to students in grades three through eight; and
  - (3) how assessment instruments described by Subdivision (2) assess standards essential for student success and whether the assessment instruments should also assess supporting standards, including analysis of:
    - (A) the portion of the essential knowledge and skills capable of being accurately assessed;
    - (B) the appropriate skills that can be assessed within the testing parameters under current law; and
    - (C) how current standards compare to those parameters.
- (c) Not later than March 1, 2016, the agency shall prepare and submit to the State Board of Education a report concerning the results of the study under Subsection (b). Not later than May 1, 2016, the State Board of Education shall review the study and shall submit to the governor and each member of the legislature the agency's report and board recommendations regarding each issue evaluated under Subsection (b).
- (d) This section expires June 1, 2017.