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2 SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 39, Education Code, is
3 amended by adding Section 39.0236 to read as follows:

4 Sec. 39.0236. STUDY OF ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS AND
5 ASSESSMENT INSTRUMENTS. (a) The agency shall conduct a study
6 regarding the essential knowledge and skills of the required
7 curriculum identified by the State Board of Education under Section
8 28.002 and assessment instruments administered under Section
9 39.023.

10 (b) The study must evaluate:

11 (1) the number and scope of the essential knowledge
12 and skills of each subject of the required curriculum under Section
13 28.002, with each essential knowledge or skill identified as a
14 readiness or supporting standard, and whether the number or scope
15 should be limited;

16 (2) the number and subjects of assessment instruments
17 under Section 39.023 that are required to be administered to
18 students in grades threethrough eight; and

19 (3) how assessment instruments described by
20 Subdivision (2) assess standards essential for student success and
21 whether the assessment instruments should also assess supporting
22 standards, including analysis of:

23 (A) the portion of the essential knowledge and
24 skills capable of being accurately assessed;

25 (B) the appropriate skills that can be assessed
26 within the testing parameters under current law; and

27 (C) how current standards compare to those

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 743 was passed by the House on May 4, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 137, Nays 2, 1 present, not voting; that the House refused to concur in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 743 on May 27, 2015, and requested the appointment of a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the House adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 743 on May 31, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 1, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

H.B. No. 743

I certify that H.B. No. 743 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 25, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 27, Nays 4; at the request of the House, the Senate appointed a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the Senate adopted the conference committee bet~~we~~(conferencm5Tr10.
