



TEXANS ADVOCATING FOR MEANINGFUL STUDENT ASSESSMENT

May 20, 2021 House Bill 764 – reduces excessive testing

HB 764 – Rep. Matt Krause with 134 authors and co-authors – to reduce excessive STAAR testing bill passes the Texas House in a 136-6 victory! HB 764 must be heard and passed out of the Texas Senate ***before the end of May!***

1. Eliminates non-federally required Texas state assessments
 - writing STAAR for 4th and 7th graders
 - social studies STAAR for 8th graders
 - English II end of course (EOC) exam
2. EOCs may not be used as criteria for graduation (Rep VanDeaver's HB3668 was added as an amendment to HB 764. To remove high-stakes we must now pass HB 764)
3. Replaces EOCs with SAT/ACT to satisfy the federal assessment requirements

Call to Action

Please contact the following Texas Legislators and ask them to hear HB 764 in committee ASAP and then on the senate floor!

Talking points:

1. Please hear and pass HB 764 ASAP in committee and then on the senate floor!
2. HB 764 reduces testing to no more than federal law
3. Student high-stakes are not required by federal law

Your local Senator - <https://wrm.capitol.texas.gov/home> to find your Senator

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