

## House Bill 1164

**Statute Amended or Added:** Adds TEC, §39.02301

**Summary:** Beginning with the 2016-2017 school year, TEC, §39.02301 establishes a pilot program for the assessment of writing.

Per subsection (a), prior to the 2016-2017 school year, TEA and its testing contractor are required to conduct a study to determine an alternative method to assess writing in place of the grades 4 and 7 writing assessments and the English I and English II EOC assessments developed under §39.023(a) and (c).

For the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 school years, the agency must designate at least one rural, one medium-sized, and one large urban school district to participate in the writing assessment pilot program.