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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

The federal government's Race to the Top grant program includes an assessment program that is intended to encourage consortia of states to work together to develop and implement common summative assessments that are aligned with a common set of K-12 college and career ready standards. This bill prohibits the education commissioner from entering into agreements with other states to develop shared common assessments without specific legislative authority.

### Section

- 1 Statewide testing.** (h) Prohibits the commissioner of education from signing a memorandum of understanding or an agreement to participate in a consortium or partnership, or other agreement with any other state to develop shared common assessments of K-12 academic standards without first receiving specific legislative authorization.

Makes this section is effective immediately and applicable to agreements entered into after the effective date of this act.