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H.B. No. 3720

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the prohibition on a political subdivision limiting or  
3 prohibiting a school activity or service in response to the  
4 COVID-19 pandemic.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 418, Government Code, is  
7 amended by adding Section 418.1087 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 418.1087. BAN ON COVID-19-RELATED SCHOOL CLOSURES OR  
9 LIMITATIONS. The governing body of a political subdivision or its  
10 presiding officer may not issue an order, enact an ordinance, or  
11 take any other action that would limit or prohibit any school  
12 activity or service in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

13 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2023-2024  
14 school year.

15 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
16 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
17 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
18 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
19 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.