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H.B. No. 2647

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to classroom working conditions for public school
3 teachers.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 22, Education Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 22.0035 to read as follows:

7 Section 22.0035. ACCOMMODATION OF PERSONAL NEEDS. A
8 teacher's professional work environment shall include reasonable
9 authority to visit restroom facilities as needed, have access to a
10 personal telephone or district-provided telephone in the classroom
11 if available, and exercise reasonable discretion in accommodating
12 personal needs such as having a beverage available while
13 instructing and determining how to arrange the classroom and
14 deliver instruction.

15 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2003-2004
16 school year.

17 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
18 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
19 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
20 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
21 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.