

Amend **CSHB 2** (House committee printing) as follows:

(1) On page 132, line 26, through page 133, line 14, strike Sections 2C.07 and 2C.08 of the bill and substitute the following appropriately numbered section:

SECTION 2C.___. Effective August 1, 2006, Section 25.0811, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 25.0811. FIRST AND LAST DAY OF INSTRUCTION. (a) A school district shall ~~[may not]~~ begin instruction for students for a school year on the first Tuesday after Labor Day ~~[before the week in which August 21 falls. For purposes of this subsection, Sunday is considered the first day of the week]~~.

(b) A school district that is located in a county that has a population of at least three million may apply under Section 7.056 for a waiver of the requirement prescribed by Subsection (a). If such a school district intends to apply ~~[under Section 7.056]~~ for a waiver as authorized by this subsection ~~[of the prohibition prescribed by Subsection (a)]~~, the district must:

(1) at least 60 days before the date the district submits the application for the waiver, publish notice in a newspaper having general circulation in the district:

(A) stating that the district intends to apply for a waiver of the requirement ~~[prohibition]~~ concerning the date of the first day of instruction for students; and

(B) specifying the date on which the district intends to begin instruction for students; and

(2) hold a public hearing concerning the date of the first day of instruction for students.

(c) The application for a waiver under Subsection (b) ~~[of the prohibition prescribed by Subsection (a)]~~ must include a summary of the opinions expressed at the public hearing held under Subsection (b)(2), including any consensus of opinion expressed concerning the date of the first day of instruction for students.

(d) A school district's school year must end not later than June 7 unless:

(1) the district operates a year-round system under

Section 25.084; or

(2) the commissioner grants a waiver to extend the school year at a campus as the result of a disaster, flood, extreme weather condition, fuel curtailment, or other calamity that caused a closure of the campus for a significant period.

(2) Renumber the sections of Part C, Article 2, of the bill accordingly.

(3) Strike SECTION 8.02 of the bill (page 453, lines 10-11) and renumber the subsequent sections of Article 8 accordingly.