

Amend CSSB 8 as follows:

(1) In ARTICLE 2 of the bill, in PART C, add the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS and renumber subsequent SECTIONS appropriately:

SECTION 2C.____. Effective August 1, 2006, Section 7.056(e), Education Code, as amended by S.B. 658, Acts of the 79th Legislature, Regular Session, 2005, is amended to read as follows:

(e) Except as provided by Subsection (f), a school campus or district may not receive an exemption or waiver under this section from:

(1) a prohibition on conduct that constitutes a criminal offense;

(2) a requirement imposed by federal law or rule, including a requirement for special education or bilingual education programs; or

(3) a requirement, restriction, or prohibition relating to:

(A) essential knowledge or skills under Section 28.002 or minimum graduation requirements under Section 28.025;

(B) public school accountability as provided by Subchapters B, C, D, and G, Chapter 39;

(C) extracurricular activities under Section 33.081 or participation in a University Interscholastic League area, regional, or state competition under Section 33.0812;

(D) health and safety under Chapter 38;

(E) purchasing under Subchapter B, Chapter 44;

(F) elementary school class size limits, except as provided by Section 25.112;

(G) removal of a disruptive student from the classroom under Subchapter A, Chapter 37;

(H) at-risk programs under Subchapter C, Chapter 29;

(I) prekindergarten programs under Subchapter E, Chapter 29;

(J) educator rights and benefits under Subchapters A, C, D, E, F, G, and I, Chapter 21, or under Subchapter A, Chapter 22;

(K) special education programs under Subchapter A, Chapter 29; ~~[or]~~

(L) bilingual education programs under Subchapter B, Chapter 29; or

(M) the requirements for the first and last day of instruction under Section 25.0811, except as provided by that section.

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

Sec. 25.0811. FIRST AND LAST DAY OF INSTRUCTION.

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

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

SECTION 2C.____. A waiver under Section 7.056(e), Education Code, from the requirements for the first and last day of instruction under Section 25.0811, Education Code, as amended by this Act, for the 2006-2007 or a subsequent school year may be granted only as provided by Section 25.0811, Education Code, as amended by this Act, and a waiver of those requirements for the 2006-2007 or a subsequent school year that is granted before August 1, 2006, and that does not comply with Section 25.0811, Education Code, as amended by this Act, is void.

(2) In ARTICLE 9 of the bill, add the following appropriately numbered SECTION and renumber subsequent SECTIONS appropriately:

SECTION 9.____. Effective June 1, 2006, Sections 25.0811(b) and (c), Education Code, are repealed.