Amend CSSB 8 in ARTICLE 2 of the bill, in PART C, by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION and renumbering the subsequent SECTIONS of PART C, ARTICLE 2, appropriately:

SECTION 2C.___. Effective August 1, 2006, Section 25.081, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 25.081. OPERATION OF SCHOOLS. (a) Except as authorized under Subsection (b) of this section, Section 25.084, or Section 29.0821, for each school year each school district must operate so that the district provides for not more than [at least] 180 days and not fewer than 1,260 hours of instruction for students.

(b) The commissioner may approve the instruction of students for fewer than the number of hours [days] required under Subsection (a) if disaster, flood, extreme weather conditions, fuel curtailment, or another calamity causes the closing of schools.