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H.B. No. 285

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the number of days and hours of annual instruction for
3 public school students.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 25.081, Education Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 Sec. 25.081. OPERATION OF SCHOOLS. (a) Except as
8 authorized under Subsection (b) of this section, Section 25.084, or
9 Section 29.0821, for each school year each school district must
10 operate so that the district provides for not more than [~~at least~~]
11 180 days and not fewer than 1,260 hours of instruction for students.

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

16 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2005-2006
17 school year.

18 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
22 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.