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H.B. No. 2930

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to exemptions from certain statutory requirements for certain school districts.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 7, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 7.0565 to read as follows:

Sec. 7.0565. WAIVERS AND EXEMPTIONS REQUIRED. (a)

Notwithstanding Section 7.056(e), an independent school district that holds its election for trustees on the same date as the general election for state and county officers is exempt from complying with a requirement relating to:

(1) elementary school class size as provided by Section 25.112, subject to Subsection (b);

(2) the first day of instruction as provided by Section 25.0811;

(3) the assessment process and professional growth activities for principals as provided by Section 21.054(b);

(4) annual field testing of questions for assessment instruments administered under Subchapter B, Chapter 39, subject to Subsection (c); and

(5) the size of:

(A) a library as adopted under Section 33.021 or other law; or

(B) a computer lab.

1       (b) A school district to which this section applies must  
2 comply with the elementary school class size requirements of  
3 Section 25.112 as determined on a campus-based or district-based  
4 average of students per class.

5       (c) A school district to which this section applies must  
6 comply once every three years with the requirements relating to  
7 field testing of questions for assessment instruments administered  
8 under Subchapter B, Chapter 39.

9       SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2007-2008  
10 school year.

11       SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
12 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
13 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
14 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
15 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.