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H.B. No. 99

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a modified instructional calendar for public high schools providing an early college education program.

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

SECTION 1. Section 25.081(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Except as authorized under Subsection (b) of this section, Section 25.084, ~~[or]~~ Section 29.0821, or Section 29.908(e), for each school year each school district must operate so that the district provides for at least 180 days of instruction for students.

SECTION 2. Section 25.0811(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A school district may not begin instruction for students for a school year before the fourth Monday in August unless:

(1) the district operates a year-round system under Section 25.084; or

(2) the district is authorized to modify the instructional calendar as provided by Section 29.908(e).

SECTION 3. Section 29.908, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(e) A school district may allow a district high school that provides an early college education program under this section to modify the instructional calendar of the high school as necessary

1 to conform with the calendar of a college, university, or technical  
2 school with which the high school has entered into an articulation  
3 agreement as provided by Subsections (b)(3) and (b-1). The  
4 commissioner shall adopt rules to administer this subsection.

5         SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
6 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
9 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.