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H.B. No. 159

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to unstructured activity requirements for public  
3 elementary school students.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 28.002, Education Code, is amended by  
6 adding Subsection (q) to read as follows:

7 (q) In addition to the daily physical activity requirement  
8 prescribed by Subsection (l), a school district shall require a  
9 student enrolled in elementary school to participate in  
10 unstructured and undirected play for at least 20 minutes each  
11 school day throughout the school year. In implementing this  
12 subsection, the district shall consider the recommendations  
13 provided under Section 28.004(1) by the local school health  
14 advisory council.

15 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2009-2010  
16 school year.

17 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
18 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
19 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
20 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
21 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.