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H.B. No. 1241

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to student/teacher ratios and class size limits for
prekindergarten classes in public schools.

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

SECTION 1. Section 25.111, Education Code, is amended to
read as follows:

Sec. 25.111. STUDENT/TEACHER RATIOS. Except as provided by
Section 25.112, each school district must:

(1) employ a sufficient number of teachers certified
under Subchapter B, Chapter 21, to maintain an average ratio of not
less than one teacher for each 20 students in average daily
attendance above the prekindergarten level; and

(2) employ a sufficient number of teachers certified
under Subchapter B, Chapter 21, and teacher's aides to maintain an
average ratio of not less than one teacher or teacher's aide for
each nine students in average daily attendance at the
prekindergarten level.

SECTION 2. Section 25.112(a), Education Code, is amended to
read as follows:

(a) Except as otherwise authorized by this section, a school
district may not enroll more than 18 students in a prekindergarten
class or 22 students in a kindergarten, first, second, third, or
fourth grade class. That limitation does not apply during:

(1) any 12-week period of the school year selected by

1 the district, in the case of a district whose average daily
2 attendance is adjusted under Section 42.005(c); or

3 (2) the last 12 weeks of any school year in the case of
4 any other district.

5 SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2009-2010
6 school year.

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