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H.B. No. 1555

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the first day of instruction in certain school
3 districts that provide additional days of instruction financed with
4 local funds.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 25.0811(a), Education Code, is amended
7 to read as follows:

8 (a) Except as provided by this section, a [A] school
9 district may not begin instruction for students for a school year
10 before the fourth Monday in August. A school district may:

11 (1) begin instruction for students for a school year
12 before the fourth Monday in August if [unless] the district
13 operates a year-round system under Section 25.084; or

14 (2) begin instruction for students for a school year
15 on or after the first Monday in August at a campus or at not more
16 than 20 percent of the campuses in the district if:

17 (A) the district has a student enrollment of
18 190,000 or more;

19 (B) the district at the beginning of the school
20 year provides, financed with local funds, days of instruction for
21 students at the campus or at each of the multiple campuses, in
22 addition to the minimum number of days of instruction required
23 under Section 25.081;

24 (C) the campus or each of the multiple campuses

1 are undergoing comprehensive reform, as determined by the board of
2 trustees of the district; and

3 (D) a majority of the students at the campus or at
4 each of the multiple campuses are educationally disadvantaged.

5 SECTION 2. 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, 2011.