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H.B. No. 1556

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to a prohibition on the issuance of a drilling permit for  
3 an oil or gas well that is proposed to be located within a specified  
4 distance of a public school.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 38, Education Code, is  
7 amended by adding Section 38.027 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 38.027. PROHIBITION ON PERMIT FOR OIL OR GAS WELL TO BE  
9 LOCATED NEAR PUBLIC SCHOOL. The Railroad Commission of Texas may  
10 not issue a drilling permit for an oil or gas well that is proposed  
11 to be located less than 1,200 feet from a public school.

12 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
13 to a drilling permit the application for which is filed with the  
14 Railroad Commission of Texas on or after the effective date of this  
15 Act. A drilling permit the application for which is filed with the  
16 commission before the effective date of this Act is subject to the  
17 law in effect on the date the application is filed, and that law is  
18 continued in effect for that purpose.

19 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.