

1-1 By: Ellis S.B. No. 949  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 25, 2011; March 8, 2011,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Education;  
1-4 March 28, 2011, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 1, 1 present not  
1-6 voting; March 28, 2011, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 949 By: West

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the first day of instruction in certain school  
1-11 districts that provide additional days of instruction financed with  
1-12 local funds.

1-13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-14 SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 25.0811, Education Code,  
1-15 is amended to read as follows:

1-16 (a) Except as provided by this section, a [A] school  
1-17 district may not begin instruction for students for a school year  
1-18 before the fourth Monday in August. A school district may:

1-19 (1) begin instruction for students for a school year  
1-20 before the fourth Monday in August if ~~[unless]~~ the district  
1-21 operates a year-round system under Section 25.084; or

1-22 (2) begin instruction for students for a school year  
1-23 on or after the first Monday in August at a campus or at not more  
1-24 than 20 percent of the campuses in the district if:

1-25 (A) the district has a student enrollment of  
1-26 150,000 or more;

1-27 (B) the district at the beginning of the school  
1-28 year provides, financed with local funds, days of instruction for  
1-29 students at the campus or at each of the multiple campuses, in  
1-30 addition to the minimum number of days of instruction required  
1-31 under Section 25.081;

1-32 (C) the campus or each of the multiple campuses  
1-33 are undergoing comprehensive reform, as determined by the board of  
1-34 trustees of the district; and

1-35 (D) a majority of the students at the campus or at  
1-36 each of the multiple campuses are educationally disadvantaged.

1-37 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-38 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-39 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-40 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-41 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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