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H.B. No. 669

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the first day of instruction at a public school.

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

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

(a) Except as provided by this section, a school district may not begin instruction for students for a school year before the week [fourth Monday] in which August 21 falls. For the purposes of this subsection, Sunday is considered the first day of the week. A school district may:

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

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

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

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

(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. (a) Section 25.0811(a), Education Code, as
6 amended by this Act, applies beginning with the 2014-2015 school
7 year.

8 (b) This Act does not affect the validity of a waiver issued
9 under Section 7.056, Education Code, that applies to the first day
10 of instruction for the 2014-2015 or a subsequent school year.

11 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.