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H.B. No. 238

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the first day of instruction in certain school
3 districts.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 (C) the campus or each of the multiple campuses
24 are undergoing comprehensive reform, as determined by the board of

1 trustees of the district; and

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

4 (3) begin instruction for students for a school year
5 on or after the third Monday in August if the district has a student
6 enrollment of fewer than 3,000 and is located in a county with a
7 population of less than 50,000.

8 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2015-2016
9 school year.

10 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
11 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
12 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
13 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
14 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.