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H.B. No. 244

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the lunch period for classroom teachers at the middle school, junior high school, or high school grade level.

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

SECTION 1. Section 21.405(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Subsection (c), each classroom teacher or full-time librarian at the elementary school level is entitled to at least a 30-minute lunch period free from all duties and responsibilities connected with the instruction and supervision of students. Except as provided by Subsection (c), each classroom teacher or full-time librarian at the middle school, junior high school, or high school grade level is entitled to at least a 45-minute lunch period free from all duties and responsibilities connected with the instruction and supervision of students. Each school district may set flexible or rotating schedules for each classroom teacher or full-time librarian in the district for the implementation of the duty-free lunch period.

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

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

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.