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H.B. No. 676

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to School Bus Safety Week in public schools.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 34, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 34.0022 to read as follows:

Sec. 34.0022. SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK. (a) To educate students and raise community awareness about the importance of school bus safety, the third full week in October is designated as School Bus Safety Week.

(b) The agency, in consultation with the Department of Public Safety, shall develop a school bus safety program for implementation in public schools.

(c) During the designated week, each school district shall provide the school bus safety program developed under Subsection (b) to students at every grade level. The program shall be open to the public and the district shall encourage parents and other community members to participate.

(d) The commissioner shall adopt rules to administer this section.

SECTION 2. Not later than September 1, 2015, the Texas Education Agency shall develop the school bus safety program required under Section 34.0022, Education Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

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1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
4 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.