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H.B. No. 3970

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an optional bad weather policy for public schools.

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

SECTION 1. Section 25.081, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) The board of trustees of each school district that exceeds the full 7 hours of instructional time required by Section 25.082(a) by at least one half hour daily for the full academic year may adopt a policy to credit the additional time to the number of instructional days required by Subsection (a). The excess time may be accumulated in amounts up to but not exceeding ten (10) days each year for days missed due to dangerous or extreme weather conditions. Unused accumulated days for excess instructional time shall not carry over to a school year other than the year in which the time was accumulated. After a district credits each day in accordance with this subsection, the district shall notify the commissioner in writing.

SECTION 2. Section 42.005, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a-1) For any school day credited in accordance with Section 25.081(c), the daily attendance shall be reported as the quotient calculated under Subsection (a)(1).

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.