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S.B. No. 296

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the first day of the school year for public schools.

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

SECTION 1. Section 7.056(e), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(e) Except as provided by Subsection (f), a school campus or district may not receive an exemption or waiver under this section from:

(1) a prohibition on conduct that constitutes a criminal offense;

(2) a requirement imposed by federal law or rule, including a requirement for special education or bilingual education programs; or

(3) a requirement, restriction, or prohibition relating to:

(A) essential knowledge or skills under Section 28.002 or high school graduation requirements under Section 28.025;

(B) public school accountability as provided by Subchapters B, C, D, E, F, and J, Chapter 39;

(C) extracurricular activities under Section 33.081 or participation in a University Interscholastic League area, regional, or state competition under Section 33.0812;

(D) health and safety under Chapter 38;

(E) purchasing under Subchapter B, Chapter 44;

1 (F) elementary school class size limits, except
2 as provided by Section 25.112;

3 (G) removal of a disruptive student from the
4 classroom under Subchapter A, Chapter 37;

5 (H) at-risk programs under Subchapter C, Chapter
6 29;

7 (I) prekindergarten programs under Subchapter E,
8 Chapter 29;

9 (J) educator rights and benefits under
10 Subchapters A, C, D, E, F, G, and I, Chapter 21, or under Subchapter
11 A, Chapter 22;

12 (K) special education programs under Subchapter
13 A, Chapter 29; or

14 (L) bilingual education programs under
15 Subchapter B, Chapter 29[~~+~~ ~~or~~

16 [~~(M) the requirements for the first day of~~
17 ~~instruction under Section 25.0811].~~

18 SECTION 2. Section 25.084(a), Education Code, is amended to
19 read as follows:

20 (a) A school district may operate its schools year-round on
21 either a single-track or a multitrack calendar. If a school
22 district adopts a year-round system, the district may modify:

23 (1) the number of contract days of employees and the
24 number of days of operation, including any time required for staff
25 development, planning and preparation, and continuing education,
26 otherwise required by law;

27 (2) testing dates, data reporting, and related

1 matters; and

2 (3) [~~the date of the first day of instruction of the~~
3 ~~school year under Section 25.0811 for a school that was operating~~
4 ~~year-round for the 2000-2001 school year; and~~

5 [~~4~~] a student's eligibility to participate in
6 extracurricular activities when the student's calendar track is not
7 in session.

8 SECTION 3. Section 151.326(a), Tax Code, is amended to read
9 as follows:

10 (a) The sale of an article of clothing or footwear designed
11 to be worn on or about the human body is exempted from the taxes
12 imposed by this chapter if:

13 (1) the sales price of the article is less than \$100;
14 and

15 (2) the sale takes place during a period beginning at
16 12:01 a.m. on the third Friday in August [~~before the 15th day~~
17 ~~preceding the uniform date prescribed by Section 25.0811(a),~~
18 ~~Education Code, without regard to any exception authorized by that~~
19 ~~section, before which a school district may not begin instruction~~
20 ~~for the school year,~~] and ending at 12 midnight on the following
21 Sunday.

22 SECTION 4. Section 25.0811, Education Code, is repealed.

23 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.