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H.B. No. 2296

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a teacher to student ratio requirement for public school special education programs.

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

SECTION 1. Section 25.111, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 25.111. STUDENT/TEACHER RATIOS. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b) and Section 25.112, each school district must employ a sufficient number of teachers certified under Subchapter B, Chapter 21, to maintain an average ratio of not less than one teacher for each 20 students in average daily attendance.

(b) For each student enrolled in a special education program under Subchapter A, Chapter 29, a school district or open-enrollment charter school must assign a teacher certified under Subchapter B, Chapter 21, sufficient to maintain a ratio of not less than one teacher for each three students who receive special education services in a self-contained classroom or other special education setting.

SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2017-2018 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, 2017.