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S.B. No. 1135

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the first day of instruction at a public school in a district of innovation.

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

SECTION 1. Section 12A.003, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(b) A local innovation plan must:

(1) provide for a comprehensive educational program for the district, which program may include:

(A) innovative curriculum, instructional methods, and provisions regarding community participation, campus governance, and parental involvement;

(B) except as provided by Section 12A.004(a), modifications to the school day or year;

(C) provisions regarding the district budget and sustainable program funding;

(D) accountability and assessment measures that exceed the requirements of state and federal law; and

(E) any other innovations prescribed by the board of trustees; and

(2) identify requirements imposed by this code that inhibit the goals of the plan and from which the district should be exempted on adoption of the plan, subject to Section 12A.004.

1 (c) A school district designated as a district of innovation
2 before June 1, 2017, may include modifications to the school year in
3 the local innovation plan.

4 SECTION 2. Section 12A.004, Education Code, is amended by
5 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to read as
6 follows:

7 (a) A local innovation plan may not provide for the
8 exemption of a district designated as a district of innovation from
9 the following provisions of this title:

10 (1) a state or federal requirement applicable to an
11 open-enrollment charter school operating under Subchapter D,
12 Chapter 12;

13 (2) Subchapters A, C, D, and E, Chapter 11, except that
14 a district may be exempt from Sections 11.1511(b)(5) and (14) and
15 Section 11.162;

16 (3) state curriculum and graduation requirements
17 adopted under Chapter 28; ~~and~~

18 (4) academic and financial accountability and
19 sanctions under Chapter 39; and

20 (5) the first day of instruction requirement under
21 Section 25.0811.

22 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section,
23 the local innovation plan of a school district designated as a
24 district of innovation before June 1, 2017, may provide for the
25 exemption of the district from the first day of instruction
26 requirement under Section 25.0811.

27 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, 2017.