By:  Martinez (Senate Sponsor - Hinojosa) H.B. No. 109

(In the Senate - Received from the House March 21, 2019; March 27, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Education; May 10, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0; May 10, 2019, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

                    Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Taylor            X

Lucio                X

Bettencourt          X

Campbell             X

Fallon               X

Hall                 X

Hughes               X

Paxton               X

Powell               X

Watson               X

West                 X

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the operation of open-enrollment charter schools on Memorial Day.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 25.081(f), Education Code, as added by Chapter 1144 (H.B. 441), Acts of the 85th Legislature, Regular Session, 2017, is amended to read as follows:

(f)  A school district or open-enrollment charter school may not provide student instruction on Memorial Day. If a school district or open-enrollment charter school would be required to provide student instruction on Memorial Day to compensate for minutes of instruction lost because of school closures caused by disaster, flood, extreme weather conditions, fuel curtailment, or another calamity, the commissioner shall approve the instruction of students for fewer than the number of minutes required under Subsection (a).

SECTION 2.  This Act applies beginning with the 2019-2020 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 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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