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By:  Hernandez H.B. No. 1602

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the time at which instruction may begin in public schools; making an appropriation.

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

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

(i)  A school district may not begin classroom instruction before 8 a.m.

SECTION 2.  In addition to other appropriations made by the 86th Legislature, Regular Session, 2019, the amount of $755,076,520 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Texas Education Agency to distribute to school districts for the purpose of offsetting the additional transportation costs that will result from the prohibition imposed by Section 25.081(i), Education Code, as added by this Act, for the period beginning on the effective date of this Act and ending on the second anniversary of that date.

SECTION 3.  Section 25.081(i), Education Code, as added by this Act, applies beginning with the 2019-2020 school year.

SECTION 4.  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.