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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the scheduling of the last day of school for students by public school districts.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 25.0812, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a)  Except as provided by Subsection (a-1) or (b), a school district may not schedule the last day of school for students for a school year before May 15 or after the Friday preceding Memorial Day.

(a-1)  A school district may schedule the last day of school for students for a school year after the Friday preceding Memorial Day if the district operates a year-round system under Section 25.084.

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

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

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

(2)  testing dates, data reporting, and related matters;

(3)  the date of the first day of instruction of the school year under Section 25.0811 and the date of the last day of school for a school year under Section 25.0812 for a school that was operating year-round for the 2018-2019 [~~2000-2001~~] school year; and

(4)  a student's eligibility to participate in extracurricular activities when the student's calendar track is not in session.

SECTION 3.  This Act applies beginning with the 2020-2021 school year.

SECTION 4.  This Act takes effect May 1, 2020.