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H.B. No. 340

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a minimum school recess period for certain public school students.

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

SECTION 1. Section 28.002, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (1-4) to read as follows:

(1-4) A school district shall require a student enrolled in full-day prekindergarten, in kindergarten, or in a grade level below grade three to participate in an unstructured daily recess period of at least 30 minutes. The recess period required by this subsection is in addition to any period of moderate or vigorous physical activity required under Subsection (1).

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.