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H.B. No. 1602

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

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

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

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

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

9 SECTION 2. In addition to other appropriations made by the  
10 86th Legislature, Regular Session, 2019, the amount of \$755,076,520  
11 is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the Texas  
12 Education Agency to distribute to school districts for the purpose  
13 of offsetting the additional transportation costs that will result  
14 from the prohibition imposed by Section 25.081(i), Education Code,  
15 as added by this Act, for the period beginning on the effective date  
16 of this Act and ending on the second anniversary of that date.

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

19 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
23 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.