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H.B. No. 4056

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requiring a minimum amount of eating time for breakfast and lunch for students in public schools.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 25, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 25.0823 to read as follows:

Sec. 25.0823. REQUIRED MINIMUM EATING TIME. The board of trustees of a school district or the governing body of an open-enrollment charter school shall adopt a policy requiring each campus to ensure that each student who eats a meal on campus is provided at least 10 minutes to eat breakfast and 20 minutes to eat lunch. A district or school may not require a student to participate in any educational instruction or program during the minimum amount of eating time.

SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2019-2020 school year.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.