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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

- 2 relating to the limitation period for filing a complaint and
- 3 requesting a special education impartial due process hearing.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 29, Education Code, is
- 6 amended by adding Section 29.0164 to read as follows:
- 7 Sec. 29.0164. LIMITATION PERIOD FOR FILING COMPLAINT AND
- 8 REQUESTING SPECIAL EDUCATION DUE PROCESS HEARING. The commissioner
- 9 or agency may not adopt or enforce a rule that establishes a shorter
- 10 period for filing a due process complaint alleging a violation of
- 11 state or federal special education laws and requesting an impartial
- 12 <u>due process hearing than the maximum timeline designated under 20</u>
- 13 <u>U.S.C. Sections 1415(b)(6) and (f)(3).</u>
- 14 SECTION 2. Section 29.0164, Education Code, as added by
- 15 this Act, applies only to a complaint filed and an impartial due
- 16 process hearing requested on or after the effective date of this
- 17 Act. A complaint filed and an impartial due process hearing
- 18 requested before the effective date of this Act are governed by the
- 19 law in effect at the time the complaint was filed and the impartial
- 20 due process hearing was requested, and the former law is continued
- 21 in effect for that purpose.
- 22 SECTION 3. As soon as practicable after the effective date
- 23 of this Act, the commissioner of education shall amend rules as
- 24 necessary to comply with Section 29.0164, Education Code, as added

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- 1 by this Act.
- 2 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2022.