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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the prohibition on a political subdivision limiting or prohibiting a school activity or service in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter E, Chapter 418, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 418.1087 to read as follows:

Sec. 418.1087.  BAN ON COVID-19-RELATED SCHOOL CLOSURES OR LIMITATIONS. The governing body of a political subdivision or its presiding officer may not issue an order, enact an ordinance, or take any other action that would limit or prohibit any school activity or service in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

SECTION 2.  This Act applies beginning with the 2023-2024 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, 2023.