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H.B. No. 2946

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the required number of minutes of instructional time to be provided by a juvenile justice alternative education program.

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

SECTION 1. Section 37.011(f), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(f) A juvenile justice alternative education program must provide ~~[operate]~~ at least 43,200 minutes of instructional time ~~[seven hours per day and 180 days]~~ per year, except that a program may apply to the Texas Juvenile Justice Department for a waiver of the instructional time ~~[180-day]~~ requirement. The department may not grant a waiver to a program under this subsection for a number of minutes ~~[days]~~ that exceeds the highest number of instructional minutes ~~[days]~~ waived by the commissioner during the same school year for any ~~[a]~~ school district served by the program.

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.