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H.B. No. 4567

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study on alternative school schedules conducted by
the Texas Education Agency.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 29, Education Code, is
amended by adding Section 29.938 to read as follows:

Sec. 29.938. STUDY ON ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL SCHEDULES. (a)
The agency shall conduct a study on the adoption of alternative
instructional day or school week schedules by school districts to
determine whether these alternative schedules:

(1) help school districts attract and retain qualified
teachers and classroom support personnel;

(2) ensure that teachers and classroom support
personnel have sufficient time to perform assigned duties; and

(3) provide sufficient instructional time to maintain
student achievement and improvement.

(b) The study must consider alternative instructional day
or school week schedules maintained by at least one school
district, such as:

(1) a four-day school week;

(2) a four-and-one-half-day school week;

(3) the use of one day per week for remedial education
to compensate for learning loss due to the COVID-19 pandemic;

(4) work-study schedules, in which students attend
class three days per week and participate in employment or skills
training two days per week;

(5) a schedule involving a combination of two
classrooms of students with two or more teachers assigned to that
combined classroom; or

(6) schedules allowing teachers to work partial days.

(c) Not later than December 31, 2024, the agency shall
prepare and submit to the legislature a report on the results of the
study and any recommendations for legislative or other action.

(d) This section expires September 1, 2025.

SECTION 2. 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.