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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 2, 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

1 class three days per week and participate in employment or skills  
2 training two days per week;

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

6 (6) schedules allowing teachers to work partial days.

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

10 (d) This section expires September 1, 2025.

11 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
12 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
13 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
14 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
15 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.