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For HB 2891

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Chairman Buckley, Vice Chair Allen, and distinguished members of the committee,
Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on House Bill 2891 on behalf of the Texas Pediatric Society, a statewide professional nonprofit organization of over 4,800 physician, fellow, resident, and medical student members. We appreciate Representative Talarico's intent to help children who are experiencing hypoglycemia within the school day. It is our understanding that a committee substitute will be laid out to include a provision that states glucagon can only be administered if the student has a diabetes plan on file with the school. We support this addition as only children with diagnosis of diabetes are likely to need such an emergent treatment for severe hypoglycemia and glucagon should not be administered to other children without this diagnosis.

TPS would also ask for two additional amendments to the bill. Hypoglycemia is a serious condition that if not managed correctly, can cause altered mentation, seizures, and even comas. Regardless as to whether glucagon was administered it should be required that emergency services are notified to provide immediate follow up care and transfer to an appropriate health care facility. Second, in order to ensure coordinated, follow up care takes place, we would ask that additional provisions are added to require that the school notify the child's primary care physician on the same day that glucagon was administered. The notification should include the symptoms of hypoglycemia observed, the name and dose of the medication administered, and location of emergency follow up services.

We look forward to continued conversations with Rep. Talarico on this important piece of legislation.

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Please support a consistent and predictable school calendar that provides students and their families, teachers, and businesses calendar consistency, including a full summer travel and employment period.

The state would only set a beginning (not to start before) uniform date for schools that are Districts of Innovation after the DOI has chosen to renew its status. All other calendar decisions are made by the local school board, ideally in consultation with parents.

Please consider that a traditional, uniform school start date is pro-family, pro-kids, pro-business, pro-teacher, and pro-education. Families need this time together for many this is the only time they are all together in one place. For many this is a time to go visit their non-custodial parent and continue to develop those vital connections and bonds. Businesses need this consistent schedule for planning and staffing. This consistency also allows students to have jobs and begin earning vital experiences as well as giving time for valuable internships.

A full summer season allows for families to be highly engaged in reconnecting. Families NEED this time together now more than ever before.

A full summer season allows teachers to relax and connect with their own families as well as train and prepare for the year ahead. Teachers NEED this now more than ever too! And they NEED this time with their families.

A full summer season allows for the travel industry to continue supporting the Texas economy - generating tax revenues that feed state and local budgets and keep Texas strong!