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H.B. No. 5110

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to safety standards for public school instructional facility doors.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 37, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 37.1191 to read as follows:

Sec. 37.1191. SAFETY STANDARDS FOR INSTRUCTIONAL FACILITY DOORS. (a) The board of trustees of a school district shall adopt a policy requiring each door of an instructional facility through which a person may enter a classroom to:

(1) remain locked for any period during which a student is present in the classroom; and

(2) be equipped with a locking mechanism that allows for free and immediate egress without requiring an unlocking action.

(b) Notwithstanding Subsection (a)(2), if a door described by Subsection (a) requires an unlocking action for egress, the door may not be locked while a student is present in the classroom.

(c) Notwithstanding Subsection (b), any exterior door to an instructional facility, including a portable building, must remain closed and locked at all times.

SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2025-2026 school year.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

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1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
4 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.