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H.B. No. 204

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the first day of instruction at a public school.

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

SECTION 1. Section 25.0811(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by this section, a school district may not begin instruction for students for a school year before the second [~~fourth~~] Monday in August. A school district may:

(1) begin instruction for students for a school year before the second [~~fourth~~] Monday in August if the district operates a year-round system under Section 25.084; or

(2) begin instruction for students for a school year on or after the first Monday in August at a campus or at not more than 20 percent of the campuses in the district if:

(A) the district has a student enrollment of 190,000 or more;

(B) the district at the beginning of the school year provides, financed with local funds, days of instruction for students at the campus or at each of the multiple campuses, in addition to the minimum number of days of instruction required under Section 25.081;

(C) the campus or each of the multiple campuses is [~~are~~] undergoing comprehensive reform, as determined by the board of trustees of the district; and

1 (D) a majority of the students at the campus or at
2 each of the multiple campuses are educationally disadvantaged.

3 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2015-2016
4 school year.

5 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
6 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
9 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.