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H.B. No. 727

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the closure of a public school campus that is being used as an emergency evacuation shelter.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 38, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 38.025 to read as follows:

Sec. 38.025. CAMPUS USED AS EMERGENCY EVACUATION SHELTER; CLOSURE REQUIRED. (a) A school district shall close a school campus used as an emergency evacuation shelter while the campus houses evacuees.

(b) If a school is closed under this section, the commissioner shall reduce the number of days of instruction required under Section 25.081(a) by the number of instructional days the school is closed.

SECTION 2. Section 25.081(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Except as authorized under Subsection (b) of this section, Section 25.084, ~~or~~ Section 29.0821, or Section 38.025, for each school year each school district must operate so that the district provides for at least 180 days of instruction for students.

SECTION 3. 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

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1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.