

1-1 By: King of Hemphill, et al. H.B. No. 2610  
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Taylor of Galveston)  
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 12, 2015;  
 1-4 May 13, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on  
 1-5 Education; May 21, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote:  
 1-6 Yeas 10, Nays 0; May 21, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8 Taylor of Galveston	X			
1-9 Lucio	X			
1-10 Bettencourt	X			
1-11 Campbell	X			
1-12 Garcia	X			
1-13 Huffines	X			
1-14 Kolkhorst			X	
1-15 Rodríguez	X			
1-16 Seliger	X			
1-17 Taylor of Collin	X			
1-18 West	X			

1-20 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-21 AN ACT

1-22 relating to the minimum number of minutes of instruction for  
 1-23 students to be provided by public school districts and the  
 1-24 scheduling of the last day of school for students by public school  
 1-25 districts.

1-26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-27 SECTION 1. Section 25.081, Education Code, is amended to  
 1-28 read as follows:

1-29 Sec. 25.081. OPERATION OF SCHOOLS. (a) Except as  
 1-30 authorized under Subsection (b) of this section, Section 25.084, or  
 1-31 Section 29.0821, for each school year each school district must  
 1-32 operate so that the district provides for at least 75,600 minutes  
 1-33 [180 days] of instruction, including intermissions and recesses,  
 1-34 for students.

1-35 (b) The commissioner may approve the instruction of  
 1-36 students for fewer than the number of minutes [days] required under  
 1-37 Subsection (a) if disaster, flood, extreme weather conditions, fuel  
 1-38 curtailment, or another calamity causes the closing of schools.

1-39 (c) If the commissioner does not approve reduced  
 1-40 instruction time under Subsection (b), a school district may add  
 1-41 additional minutes to the end of the district's normal school hours  
 1-42 as necessary to compensate for minutes of instruction lost due to  
 1-43 school closures caused by disaster, flood, extreme weather  
 1-44 conditions, fuel curtailment, or another calamity.

1-45 (d) The commissioner may adopt rules for the application, on  
 1-46 the basis of the minimum minutes of instruction required by  
 1-47 Subsection (a), of any provision of this title that refers to a  
 1-48 minimum number of days of instruction under this section.

1-49 (e) For purposes of this code, a reference to a day of  
 1-50 instruction means 420 minutes of instruction.

1-51 SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 25, Education Code, is  
 1-52 amended by adding Section 25.0812 to read as follows:

1-53 Sec. 25.0812. LAST DAY OF SCHOOL. (a) Except as provided  
 1-54 by Subsection (b), a school district may not schedule the last day  
 1-55 of school for students for a school year before May 15.

1-56 (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), a school district that  
 1-57 does not offer each grade level from kindergarten through grade 12  
 1-58 and whose prospective or former students generally attend school in  
 1-59 another state for the grade levels the district does not offer may  
 1-60 schedule the last day of school on any date permitted under  
 1-61 Subsection (a) or the law of the other state.

2-1 SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2015-2016  
2-2 school year.

2-3 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2-4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
2-5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2-6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
2-7 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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