

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT FORM

Austin, Texas

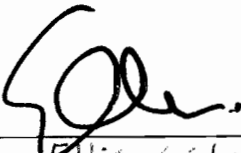
May 16, 2011
Date

Honorable David Dewhurst
President of the Senate

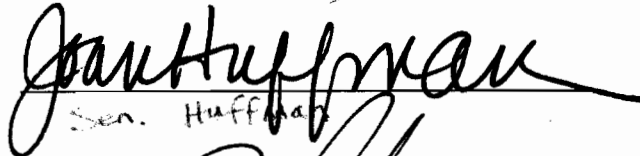
Honorable Joe Straus
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Sirs:

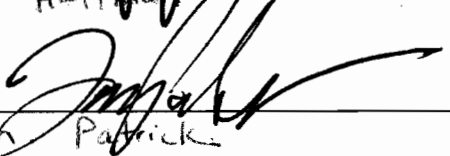
We, Your Conference Committee, appointed to adjust the differences between the Senate and the House of Representatives on HB 1555 have had the same under consideration, and beg to report it back with the recommendation that it do pass in the form and text hereto attached.



Sen. Ellis (Chair)



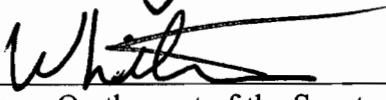
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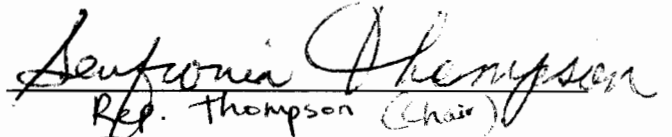
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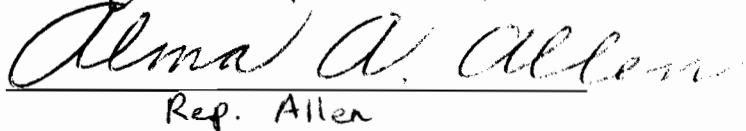
Sen. Shapiro



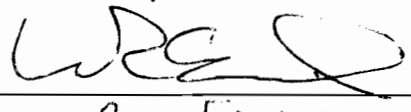
Sen. White (On the part of the Senate)



Rep. Thompson (Chair)



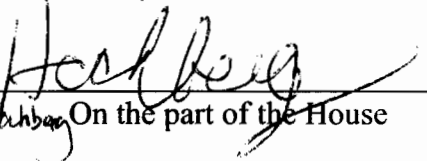
Rep. Allen



Rep. Eissler



Rep. Hartnett



Rep. Harbary (On the part of the House)

Note to Conference Committee Clerk:

Please type the names of the members of the Conference Committee under the lines provided for signature. Those members desiring to sign the report should sign each of the six copies. Attach a copy of the Conference Committee Report and a Section by Section side by side comparison to each of the six reporting forms. The original and two copies are filed in house of origin of the bill, and three copies in the other house.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

3rd Printing

H.B. No. 1555

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT

2 relating to the first day of instruction in certain school
3 districts that provide additional days of instruction financed with
4 local funds.

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

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

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

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

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

17 (A) the district has a student enrollment of
18 190,000 or more;

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

24 (C) the campus or each of the multiple campuses

1 are undergoing comprehensive reform, as determined by the board of
2 trustees of the district; and

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

5 SECTION 2. 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, 2011.

House Bill 1555
Conference Committee Report
Section-by-Section Analysis

HOUSE VERSION

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

(a) Among other provisions, authorizes a school district to 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, among other conditions, the district has a student enrollment of *190,000 or more*.

SECTION 2. Effective date.

SENATE VERSION (CS)

SECTION 1. Same as House version, except sets the district student enrollment to *150,000 or more*.

SECTION 2. Same as House version.

CONFERENCE

SECTION 1. Same as House version.

SECTION 2. Same as House version.

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD

Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 82ND LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 18, 2011

TO: Honorable David Dewhurst, Lieutenant Governor, Senate
Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: John S O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB1555** by Thompson (Relating to the first day of instruction in certain school districts that provide additional days of instruction financed with local funds.), **Conference Committee Report**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

Local Government Impact

Because the bill would not have statewide impact on units of local government of the same type or class, no comment from this office is required by the rules of the House/Senate as to its probable fiscal implication on units of local government. The bill would apply only to the Houston Independent School District. According to the Texas Education Agency, Houston ISD has 299 campuses and 267 campuses with a majority of the students identified as educationally disadvantaged. Approximately 60 qualifying campuses, about 20 percent of Houston ISD campuses, would be authorized under the bill to lengthen the school year by using local funds to begin the school year before the fourth Monday in August.

Source Agencies: 701 Central Education Agency

LBB Staff: JOB, SD, LXH, JSp

Certification of Compliance with Rule 13, Section 6(b), House Rules of Procedure

Rule 13, Section 6(b), House Rules of Procedure, requires that a copy of a conference committee report signed by a majority of each committee of the conference must be furnished to each member of the committee in person or if unable to deliver in person by placing a copy in the member's newspaper mailbox at least one hour before the report is furnished to each member of the house under Section 10(a) of this rule. The paper copies of the report submitted to the chief clerk under Section 10(b) of this rule must contain a certificate that the requirement of this subsection has been satisfied, and that certificate must be attached to the printed copy of the report furnished to each member under Section 10(d) of this rule. Failure to comply with this subsection is not a sustainable point of order under this rule.

I certify that a copy of the conference committee report on H. B. 1555 was furnished to each member of the conference committee in compliance with Rule 13, Section 6(b), House Rules of Procedure, before submission of the paper copies of the report to the chief clerk under Section 10(b), Rule 13, House Rules of Procedure.



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