

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, in Texas, most schools begin early in August. With an early starting date, a myriad of problems have arisen, such as a shortened work period in the summer for teachers and students, particularly migrant students; children riding to school in buses with no air-conditioning in summer heat; and higher electricity bills for schools. This bill would require the first instructional day of a school year to begin on or after September 1.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 40 requires the first instructional day of a school year to begin on or after September 1.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 25C, Education Code, by adding Section 25.0811, as follows:

Sec. 25.0811. FIRST INSTRUCTIONAL DAY. Prohibits school districts from starting classes prior to September 1.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 25.084(a), Education Code, to authorize a school district operating a year-round system to modify the first day of classes as necessary, notwithstanding Section 25.0811. Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 3. Provides that Sections 25.0811 and 25.084(a), Education Code, apply beginning with the 1999-2000 school year.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.
Effective date: upon passage.