Section 9.01-9.04 School Start Date

Statute Amended or Added: Amends §7.056(e) and §25.0811, Education Code.

Summary: Prohibits a school district from beginning instruction for a school year before the fourth Monday in August. The prohibition may not be waived, but an exception for operation of a year-round system under Section 25.084 is provided.

Change from current law: Current law prohibits beginning instruction before the week in which August 21 falls and permits waivers from that restriction under certain circumstances.

Effective Date: Applies beginning with the 2007-2008 school year.

Action required for 2006-2007 School Year: None. All waivers granted for the 2006-2007 school year are valid and any waivers granted for the 2007-2008 school year are <u>not</u> valid.

Outstanding Issues: None

Does this bill create a new program? No

Does this bill require a new report? No

Rulemaking Authority? No

Does this apply to charters? No

Does this bill contain a new reporting requirement for TEA/school districts? No

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