

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 45th Legislature (1995)

HOUSE BILL NO. 1194

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 1991, Sections 1-109, as amended by Section 4, Chapter 324, O.S.L. 1992, 1-109, 1-110 and 1-112 (70 O.S. Supp. 1994, Section 1-109), which relate to length of a school year; authorizing additional staff development days related to methods and materials for delivering information; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 1991, Section 1-109, as amended by Section 4, Chapter 324, O.S.L. 1992 (70 O.S. Supp. 1994, Section 1-109), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1-109. A. A school year for all public schools in Oklahoma shall consist of at least ten (10) months of four (4) weeks each, during which time school shall actually be in session and instruction offered for not less than ~~one hundred eighty (180)~~ one hundred eighty-two (182) days. Five (5) days may be used for attendance of professional meetings with an additional two (2) days used for staff development related to methods and materials for delivering information and teachers may be paid for a length of term

in excess thereof, under conditions hereinafter outlined. A school district may authorize parent-teacher conferences to be held during a regular school day. Following such authorization by the school district, these conferences shall be counted towards a school day, as defined in Section 1-111 of this title, and included as part of the one hundred seventy-five (175) days of classroom instruction. A school district may maintain school for less than a full term only when conditions beyond the control of school authorities make the maintenance of said term impossible and the State Board of Education has been apprised and has expressed concurrence in writing.

B. The State Board of Education shall establish criteria for an extended day schedule. The criteria shall:

1. Prescribe a lengthened school day within limits determined not to be detrimental to quality instruction; and

2. Ensure that the schedule is equivalent in annual hours of instruction to the one-hundred-eighty-day school year specified in subsection A of this section; and

3. Be consistent with the provisions of this section and Sections 1-110 through 1-112 of this title, but may result in fewer annual days of instruction.

The State Board of Education may authorize school districts to implement an extended day schedule for instruction pursuant to the criteria developed. The State Board of Education shall require the participating school districts to prepare a report of the impact of the extended day schedule.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 1991, Section 1-110, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1-110. A school month shall consist of twenty (20) school days during which school is actually taught or school activities performed. Provided, that holidays, elections, days devoted to professional meetings and other days when school is closed may be included in the number of days required for a regular

school month, but no holiday or other occasion when school is not in session shall be included in the ~~one hundred eighty (180)~~ one hundred eighty-two (182) days required to be taught, except not to exceed five (5) days may be used for attendance of professional meetings and an additional two (2) days to be used for staff development related to methods and materials for delivering information. Any district may pay teachers and other employees on the basis of calendar months for twelve (12) months, as elsewhere provided by the Oklahoma School Code.

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 1991, Section 1-112, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1-112. School taught on Saturday shall not be counted for attendance purposes in meeting the requirements of the law for ~~one hundred eighty (180)~~ one hundred eighty-two (182) days in any school term, except for substituting for regular school days during which school has been or will be closed, and except by permission of the State Board of Education.

SECTION 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 1995.

SECTION 5. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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