

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 1-109, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 236, O.S.L. 2002 (70 O.S. Supp. 2002, Section 1-109), which relates to the length of a school year; establishing a starting date of the school year; deleting certain school year length requirements; providing exceptions to the starting date for certain activities; allowing an exception for a school district upon approval of the State Board of Education; requiring submission of a request; limiting approval; directing the Board to adopt rules; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 6-101, which relates to teacher contracts; changing notification date for reemployment of a teacher for the next fiscal year; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 1210.508, which relates to the Oklahoma School Testing Program; changing date for the return of test results and reports; adding certain tests; deleting duplicative language; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.