

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 2758

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An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Sections 1-109, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 236, O.S.L. 2002, 1-110 and 1-112 (70 O.S. Supp. 2005, Section 1-109), which relate to the school year, school month, and school on Saturday; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 4516, which relates to the school calendar for extended year programs; changing the minimum number of school days required in a school year; 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. 2001, Section 1-109, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 236, O.S.L. 2002 (70 O.S. Supp. 2005, 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 ninety (190) days. Five (5) days may be used for attendance of professional meetings and teachers may be paid for a length of term in excess thereof, under conditions hereinafter outlined. Subject to district board of education policy or collective bargaining agreement, additional professional leave days may be granted for individual teachers to attend or participate in professional meetings, staff development training, or National Board certification portfolio development. During two (2) days of the additional professional days granted to teachers for National Board

certification portfolio development, a substitute teacher shall be provided by the school district at no cost to the teacher. 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)~~ one hundred eighty-five (185) 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 the 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~~ one hundred ninety-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. 2001, 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 ninety (190) days required to be taught, except not to exceed five (5) days may be used for attendance of professional meetings. 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. 2001, 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 ninety (190) 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. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 4516, is amended to read as follows:

Section 4516. The board of education of any school district operating pursuant to the provisions of this act shall establish a school calendar whereby the teaching sessions and vacation periods during the school year are on a rotating basis.

Each selected school shall be closed for all students and employees on regular school holidays.

The schools and classes shall be conducted for a total of no fewer than ~~one hundred eighty (180)~~ one hundred ninety (190) days during the academic year.

The provisions of all other laws relating to compulsory full-time education and the enrollment and attendance of pupils in the kindergarten, elementary and secondary grades shall be applicable with respect to the regular school days prescribed for the entire

academic year established for the school at which a program pursuant to this act is conducted, and to the attendance area established for such school.

SECTION 5. This act shall become effective July 1, 2006.

SECTION 6. 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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