

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1775

By: Aldridge

AS INTRODUCED

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. 2005, Section 1-109), which relates to length of school year; authorizing school districts to develop, adopt, and implement certain policy; specifying minimum hours certain policy must comply with; requiring notification of State Board of Education; and providing an effective date.

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) 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) 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 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.

C. Notwithstanding any other provision in law, subject to a policy developed and adopted by the board of any school district, the board may provide for a school year consisting of school hours beginning with the 2007-08 school year. A school year provided for in a policy adopted under this subsection shall consist of not less than four hundred sixty-five (465) school hours for students enrolled in kindergarten and not less than one thousand one hundred sixteen (1,116) school hours for students enrolled in grades one

through twelve. Each board of education that implements a policy in accordance with this subsection shall notify the State Board of Education on or before September 15 in each school year for which the policy is to be in effect.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2006.

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