

ENROLLED HOUSE
RESOLUTION NO. 1063

By: Derby and Hickman

A Resolution expressing opposition to promulgation of any rule by the State Board of Education to regulate the minimum number of school days for certain school districts; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Enrolled House Bill No. 1864 of the 1st Session of the 52nd Oklahoma Legislature, which was signed by the Governor on April 27, 2009, became effective on such date; and

WHEREAS, Enrolled House Bill No. 1864 expands the opportunity for public school districts to either require that students be in session 180 six-hour days each school year or adopt a school hours policy which would offer no less than 1,080 hours of instruction each school year; and

WHEREAS, it was the intent of the Legislature in passing Enrolled House Bill No. 1864 to allow school districts which choose the school hours option to reduce the total number of school days in a school year; and

WHEREAS, such legislation will allow school districts greater flexibility to meet their individual needs; and

WHEREAS, as an example, school districts that choose to close a day due to winter weather could choose to make up that day by extending a school day by an hour for six days in order to regain the lost instructional time; and

WHEREAS, extending existing school days in this manner would save money for school districts that would otherwise have to run buses, heat and clean buildings and incur other fixed costs when they must open school buildings for makeup days; and

WHEREAS, any rule promulgated by the State Board of Education which attempts to establish a minimum number of school days in the school year for districts choosing to adopt the school hours policy is not consistent with the intent of Enrolled House Bill No. 1864.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives opposes any rule the State Board Education may promulgate which attempts to establish a minimum number of school days in a school year for school districts choosing to adopt the school hours policy as contained in Enrolled House Bill No. 1864 of the 1st Session of the 52nd Oklahoma Legislature.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to State Superintendent of Public Instruction Sandy Garrett.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 22nd day of May,
2009.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives