

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 52nd Legislature (2009)

3 HOUSE
4 RESOLUTION 1063

By: Derby

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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

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12 WHEREAS, Enrolled House Bill No. 1864 of the 1st Session of the
13 52nd Oklahoma Legislature, which was signed by the Governor on April
14 27, 2009, became effective on such date; and

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

20 WHEREAS, it was the intent of the Legislature in passing
21 Enrolled House Bill No. 1864 to allow school districts which choose
22 the school hours option to reduce the total number of school days in
23 a school year; and
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1 WHEREAS, such legislation will allow school districts greater
2 flexibility to meet their individual needs; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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