

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1607

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2001,
8 Section 1-109, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter
9 103, O.S.L. 2009 (70 O.S. Supp. 2009, Section 1-
10 109), which relates to the length of a school year;
11 establishing a starting date for the school year; and
12 providing an effective date.

13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 1-109, as
15 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 103, O.S.L. 2009 (70 O.S. Supp.
16 2009, Section 1-109), is amended to read as follows:

17 Section 1-109. A. For all public schools in Oklahoma, the
18 school year shall begin on any day after Labor Day and school shall
19 actually be in session and classroom instruction offered:

- 20 1. For not less than one hundred eighty (180) days; or
21 2. For not less than one thousand eighty (1,080) hours each
22 school year, if a district board of education adopts a school-hours
23 policy and notifies the State Board of Education prior to September
24 15 of the applicable school year.

1 B. Not more than thirty (30) hours each school year may be used
2 for attendance of professional meetings and teachers may be paid for
3 a length of term in excess thereof, under conditions hereinafter
4 outlined. Subject to district board of education policy or
5 collective bargaining agreement, additional professional leave days
6 may be granted for individual teachers to attend or participate in
7 professional meetings, staff development training, or National Board
8 certification portfolio development as provided for in Section 6-
9 204.2 of this title.

10 C. A school district may authorize parent-teacher conferences
11 to be held during a regular school day. If authorized by the school
12 district, parent-teacher conferences shall be counted as classroom
13 instruction time for no more than six (6) hours per semester, for a
14 total of twelve (12) hours per school year.

15 D. A school district may maintain school for less than a full
16 school year only when conditions beyond the control of school
17 authorities make the maintenance of the term impossible and the
18 State Board of Education has been apprised and has expressed
19 concurrence in writing.

20 E. The State Board of Education shall establish criteria for an
21 extended-day schedule for schools subject to paragraph 1 of
22 subsection A of this section. The criteria shall:

23 1. Prescribe a lengthened school day within limits determined
24 not to be detrimental to quality instruction; and

1 2. Ensure that the schedule is equivalent in annual hours of
2 instruction to the one-hundred-eighty-day school year specified in
3 paragraph 1 of subsection A of this section; and

4 3. Be consistent with the provisions of this section and
5 Sections 1-111 and 1-112 of this title, but may result in fewer
6 annual days of instruction.

7 F. The State Board of Education may authorize school districts
8 to implement an extended-day schedule for instruction pursuant to
9 the criteria developed. The State Board of Education shall require
10 the participating school districts to prepare a report of the impact
11 of the extended-day schedule.

12 G. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections E and F of
13 this section, a school district board of education subject to
14 paragraph 1 of subsection A of this section may adopt and implement
15 an extended-day schedule for grades nine through twelve subject to
16 the following requirements:

17 1. The annual number of hours of instruction shall equal or
18 exceed one thousand eighty (1,080) hours, which is the equivalent of
19 one hundred eighty (180) days of instruction as specified in
20 subsection A of this section for six (6) hours each day as specified
21 in Section 1-111 of this title;

22 2. The annual number of days of instruction shall equal or
23 exceed one hundred eighty (180) days as specified in subsection A of
24 this section;

1 3. The schedule adopted shall be consistent with the provisions
2 of Sections 1-111 and 1-112 of this title, except that for not more
3 than one (1) day per week, a school day shall consist of not less
4 than five (5) hours devoted to academic instruction in a regular
5 classroom setting;

6 4. The district shall hold a public hearing prior to the
7 adoption of an extended-day schedule authorized pursuant to this
8 subsection; and

9 5. The district shall document the impact on student
10 achievement as determined by the academic performance index score
11 and any other relevant factors that are a result of implementation
12 of an extended-day schedule authorized pursuant to this subsection
13 and provide an annual report to the State Board of Education of the
14 results. If improvement in student achievement cannot be documented
15 in the report, the district board of education shall revoke
16 authorization as provided by this subsection. If the district does
17 not revoke authorization after student achievement is not documented
18 in the report, the State Board of Education may deny accreditation
19 of any school in violation of this subsection.

20 H. If subject to paragraph 2 of subsection A of this section, a
21 district board of education or designee may elect to close a school
22 during the school day for inclement weather purposes. ~~In such an~~
23 ~~event~~, the number of hours incurred in classroom instruction time
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1 prior to school closure shall be counted toward the one thousand
2 eighty (1,080) hours per year requirement.

3 I. Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect the
4 Fair Labor Standards Act status of any school district employee.

5 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2010.

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