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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. 2010, Section 1-109),
10 which relates to length of school year; adding
11 certain number of days or time to length of school
12 year; making addition contingent upon funding;
13 providing an effective date; and declaring an
14 emergency.

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

16 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 1-109, as
17 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 103, O.S.L. 2009 (70 O.S. Supp.
18 2010, Section 1-109), is amended to read as follows:

19 Section 1-109. A. ~~For~~ Except as provided for in subsection B
20 of this section, for all public schools in Oklahoma, school shall
21 actually be in session and classroom instruction offered:

- 22 1. For not less than one hundred eighty (180) days; or
23 2. For not less than one thousand eighty (1,080) hours each
24 school year, if a district board of education adopts a school-hours

1 policy and notifies the State Board of Education prior to September
2 15 of the applicable school year.

3 B. Upon implementation of this section as provided for in
4 subsection K of this section, for all public schools in Oklahoma,
5 school shall actually be in session and classroom instruction
6 offered:

7 1. For not less than one hundred eighty-three (183) days; or

8 2. For not less than one thousand ninety-eight (1,098) hours

9 each school year, if a district board of education adopts a school-
10 hours policy and notifies the State Board of Education prior to
11 September 15 of the applicable school year.

12 C. Not more than thirty (30) hours each school year may be used
13 for attendance of professional meetings and teachers may be paid for
14 a length of term in excess thereof, under conditions hereinafter
15 outlined. Subject to district board of education policy or
16 collective bargaining agreement, additional professional leave days
17 may be granted for individual teachers to attend or participate in
18 professional meetings, staff development training, or National Board
19 certification portfolio development as provided for in Section 6-
20 204.2 of this title.

21 ~~C.~~ D. A school district may authorize parent-teacher
22 conferences to be held during a regular school day. If authorized
23 by the school district, parent-teacher conferences shall be counted

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1 as classroom instruction time for no more than six (6) hours per
2 semester, for a total of twelve (12) hours per school year.

3 ~~D.~~ E. A school district may maintain school for less than a
4 full school year only when conditions beyond the control of school
5 authorities make the maintenance of the term impossible and the
6 State Board of Education has been apprised and has expressed
7 concurrence in writing.

8 ~~E.~~ F. The State Board of Education shall establish criteria for
9 an extended-day schedule for schools subject to paragraph 1 of
10 subsection A of this section or paragraph 1 of subsection B of this
11 section. The criteria shall:

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

14 2. Ensure that the schedule is equivalent in annual hours of
15 instruction to the one-hundred-eighty-day school year specified in
16 paragraph 1 of subsection A of this section or the one-hundred-
17 eighty-three-day school year specified in paragraph 1 of subsection
18 B of this section; and

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

22 ~~F.~~ G. The State Board of Education may authorize school
23 districts to implement an extended-day schedule for instruction
24 pursuant to the criteria developed. The State Board of Education

1 shall require the participating school districts to prepare a report
2 of the impact of the extended-day schedule.

3 ~~G.~~ H. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections ~~F~~ F and ~~F~~ G
4 of this section, a school district board of education subject to
5 paragraph 1 of subsection A of this section or paragraph 1 of
6 subsection B of this section may adopt and implement an extended-day
7 schedule for grades nine through twelve subject to the following
8 requirements:

9 1. The annual number of hours of instruction shall equal or
10 exceed one thousand eighty (1,080) hours, which is the equivalent of
11 one hundred eighty (180) days of instruction as specified in
12 subsection A of this section or one thousand ninety-eight (1,098)
13 hours which is the equivalent of one hundred eighty-three (183) days
14 of instruction as specified in subsection B of this section for six
15 (6) hours each day as specified in Section 1-111 of this title;

16 2. The annual number of days of instruction shall equal or
17 exceed one hundred eighty (180) days as specified in subsection A of
18 this section or one hundred eighty-three (183) days as specified in
19 subsection B of this section;

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

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

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

15 ~~H. If subject~~ I. Subject to paragraph 2 of subsection A of
16 this section or paragraph 2 of subsection B of this section, a
17 district board of education or designee may elect to close a school
18 during the school day for inclement weather purposes. In such an
19 event, the number of hours incurred in classroom instruction time
20 prior to school closure shall be counted toward the one thousand
21 eighty (1,080) hours per year or one thousand ninety-eight (1,098)
22 hours per year requirement.

23 ~~I.~~ J. Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect the
24 Fair Labor Standards Act status of any school district employee.

1 K. Implementation of subsection B of this section shall be
2 contingent upon the appropriation by the Legislature of state funds
3 for the specific purpose of implementing subsection B of this
4 section.

5 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2011.

6 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
7 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
8 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
9 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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