

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 268

By: Stanislawski of the Senate
and
Jordan of the House

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6 [schools - school year]
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9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

10 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 1-109, is
11 amended to read as follows:

12 Section 1-109. A. For all public schools in Oklahoma, school
13 shall actually be in session and classroom instruction offered:

14 1. For not less than one hundred eighty (180) days; ~~or~~

15 2. For not less than one thousand eighty (1,080) hours each
16 school year, if a district board of education adopts a school-hours
17 policy and notifies the State Board of Education prior to September
18 15 of the applicable school year; or

19 3. Subject to the availability of funding, for all public
20 schools in Oklahoma, school shall be in session and classroom
21 instruction offered:

22 a. for not less than one hundred eighty-five (185) days,

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1 b. for not less than one thousand one hundred ten (1,110)
2 hours each school year, if a district board of
3 education adopts a school-hours policy and notifies
4 the State Board of Education prior to September 15 of
5 the applicable school year.

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

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

20 D. A school district may maintain school for less than a full
21 school year only when conditions beyond the control of school
22 authorities make the maintenance of the term impossible and the
23 State Board of Education has been apprised and has expressed
24 concurrence in writing.

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

4 1. Prescribe a lengthened school day within limits determined
5 not to be detrimental to quality instruction; ~~and~~

6 2. Ensure that the schedule is equivalent in annual hours of
7 instruction to the one-hundred-eighty-day school year specified in
8 paragraph 1 of subsection A of this section or, contingent on
9 available funding, the one-hundred-eighty-five-day school year
10 specified in paragraph 3 of subsection A of this section; and

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

14 F. The State Board of Education may authorize school districts
15 to implement an extended-day schedule for instruction pursuant to
16 the criteria developed. The State Board of Education shall require
17 the participating school districts to prepare a report of the impact
18 of the extended-day schedule.

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

1 1. The annual number of hours of instruction shall equal or
2 exceed one thousand eighty (1,080) hours, which is the equivalent of
3 one hundred eighty (180) days of instruction as specified in
4 subsection A of this section for six (6) hours each day as specified
5 in Section 1-111 of this title; however, contingent on available
6 funding, the annual number of hours of instruction shall equal or
7 exceed one thousand one hundred ten (1,110) hours, which is the
8 equivalent of one hundred eighty-five (185) days of instruction as
9 specified in paragraph 3 of subsection A of this section for six (6)
10 hours each day as specified in Section 1-111 of this title;

11 2. The annual number of days of instruction shall equal or
12 exceed one hundred eighty (180) days as specified in subsection A of
13 this section or, contingent on available funding, the annual number
14 of days of instruction shall equal or exceed one hundred eighty-five
15 (185) days as specified in paragraph 3 of subsection A of this
16 section;

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

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

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

12 H. If subject to paragraph 2 of subsection A of this section, a
13 district board of education or designee may elect to close a school
14 during the school day for inclement weather purposes. In such an
15 event, the number of hours incurred in classroom instruction time
16 prior to school closure shall be counted toward the one thousand
17 eighty (1,080) hours per year requirement or, contingent on
18 available funding, the one thousand one hundred ten (1,110) hours
19 per year requirement.

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