

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 1397

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2011,  
8 Section 1-109, which relates to the school year;  
9 providing maximum number of hours that may be used  
10 for professional meetings each year; providing for  
11 additional paid days under certain conditions; 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. 2011, Section 1-109, is  
15 amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

23 B. Not more than thirty (30) hours each ~~school~~ year may be used  
24 for attendance of professional meetings and teachers may be paid for  
a length of term in excess thereof, under conditions hereinafter

1 outlined. Subject to district board of education policy or  
2 collective bargaining agreement, additional paid professional leave  
3 days may be granted for individual teachers to attend or participate  
4 in professional meetings, staff development training, or National  
5 Board certification portfolio development as provided for in Section  
6 6-204.2 of this title.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22           3. The schedule adopted shall be consistent with the provisions  
23 of Sections 1-111 and 1-112 of this title, except that for not more  
24 than one (1) day per week, a school day shall consist of not less

1 than five (5) hours devoted to academic instruction in a regular  
2 classroom setting;

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

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

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

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

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SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2013.

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