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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2011,
8 Section 1-109, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter
9 242, O.S.L. 2013 (70 O.S. Supp. 2013, Section 1-109),
10 which relates to the length of a school year;
11 establishing a starting and ending date for the
12 school year; and 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, as
15 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 242, O.S.L. 2013 (70 O.S. Supp.
16 2013, 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 August 31 and end no later
19 than the Friday before Memorial Day and school shall actually be in
20 session and classroom instruction offered:

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

1 B. A school district may not count more than thirty (30) hours
2 each school year that are used for attendance of professional
3 meetings toward the one hundred eighty (180) days or one thousand
4 eighty (1,080) hours of classroom instruction time required in
5 subsection A of this section.

6 C. Teachers off contract with an employing district shall not
7 be required by the employing school district to attend professional
8 meetings unless the teacher is paid additional compensation for the
9 additional time. Teachers may be paid additional compensation for
10 attending professional meetings in excess of their contract term.
11 Subject to district board of education policy or collective
12 bargaining agreement, additional paid professional days may be
13 granted for individual teachers to attend or participate in
14 professional meetings, staff development training, or National Board
15 certification portfolio development as provided for in Section 6-
16 204.2 of this title.

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

22 E. A school district may maintain school for less than a full
23 school year only when conditions beyond the control of school
24 authorities make the maintenance of the term impossible and the

1 State Board of Education has been apprised and has expressed
2 concurrence in writing.

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

6 1. Prescribe a lengthened school day within limits determined
7 not to be detrimental to quality instruction;

8 2. Ensure that the schedule is equivalent in annual hours of
9 instruction to the one-hundred-eighty-day school year specified in
10 paragraph 1 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 G. 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 H. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections F and G 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:

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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;

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

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

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

17 5. The district shall document the impact on student
18 achievement as determined by the academic performance data score and
19 any other relevant factors that are a result of implementation of an
20 extended-day schedule authorized pursuant to this subsection and
21 provide an annual report to the State Board of Education of the
22 results. If improvement in student achievement cannot be documented
23 in the report, the district board of education shall revoke
24 authorization as provided by this subsection. If the district does

1 not revoke authorization after student achievement is not documented
2 in the report, the State Board of Education may deny accreditation
3 of any school in violation of this subsection.

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

10 J. Nothing in this section shall be construed as affecting the
11 right of an employing school district to require teachers as defined
12 in Section 6-101.3 of this title to work in excess of the one
13 thousand eighty (1,080) hours required for student instruction. In
14 addition, nothing in this section shall be construed to affect the
15 Fair Labor Standards Act status of any school district employee.

16 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2014.

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