

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 2544

By: Nollan of the House

and

Stanislawski of the Senate

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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. 2015, Section 1-109),
10 which relates to the length of the school year;
11 changing certain notification date; deleting
12 authorization and reporting requirement for school
13 districts implementing an extended-day schedule;
14 deleting grade restriction for implementation of an
15 extended-day schedule; providing an effective date;
16 and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 1-109, as
last amended by Section 1, Chapter 242, O.S.L. 2013 (70 O.S. Supp.
2015, Section 1-109), is amended to read as follows:

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

1. For not less than one hundred eighty (180) days; or
2. For not less than one thousand eighty (1,080) hours each
school year, if a district board of education adopts a school-hours
policy and notifies the State Board of Education prior to ~~September~~
October 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~~ subsection F
20 ~~and G~~ of this section, a school district board of education subject
21 to paragraph 1 of subsection A of this section may adopt and
22 implement an extended-day schedule ~~for grades nine through twelve~~
23 subject to 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 ~~F.~~ H. If subject to paragraph 2 of subsection A of this
5 section, a district board of education or designee may elect to
6 close a school during the school day for inclement weather purposes.
7 In such an event, the number of hours incurred in classroom
8 instruction time prior to school closure shall be counted toward the
9 one thousand eighty (1,080) hours per year requirement.

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

16 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2016.

17 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
18 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
19 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
20 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.
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1 Passed the House of Representatives the 11th day of February,
2016.

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Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

6 Passed the Senate the ___ day of _____, 2016.

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