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Research Analysis

The introduced measure requires eighty percent of the school year to consist of five-day school weeks and stipulates school districts may reduce the number of school days for up to twenty percent of the school year under certain circumstances. A district may apply for a waiver from the eighty percent requirement and must submit a plan with the request that provides:

- The goals of the waiver;
- Educational and fiscal benefits; and
- The anticipated impacts or outcomes of the waiver in the district including any potential disadvantages.

The State Board of Education will have ninety days to approve or disapprove the request, and if denied the district may submit an amended request. An approved request will be good for three years, with an option for renewal prior to the beginning of the third year. Districts under such a waiver will be required to submit an annual report and the Board must annually assess the academic and fiscal status of the district.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 1684, as introduced, relates to schools and provides that unless otherwise provided for by law, 80% of the school year shall consist of five-day school weeks with a school day of not less than six hours. A district board of education may elect to extend the length of one or more school days and reduce the number of school days for up to 20% of the school year.

Further, a school district will be allowed to submit a request to the State Board of Education for a specific waiver. Within 90 days of receiving the request and plan, the Board will approve or disapprove. There is no anticipated additional cost. Department of Education personnel are reviewing.

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Other Considerations

None

