

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 1632

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2011, Section 1-109, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 242, O.S.L. 2013 (70 O.S. Supp. 2014, Section 1-109), which relates to the length of a school year; adding an additional day of classroom instruction each school year for a certain number of years; deleting or changing references to certain number of hours or days; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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. 2014, Section 1-109), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1-109. A. 1. For the 2015-2016 school year, for all public schools in Oklahoma, school shall actually be in session and classroom instruction offered:

~~1. For~~

a. for not less than one hundred eighty (180) days~~±~~ or

~~2. For~~

1 b. for not less than one thousand eighty (1,080) hours
2 each school year, if a district board of education
3 adopts a school-hours policy and notifies the State
4 Board of Education prior to September 15 of the
5 applicable school year.

6 2. For the 2016-2017 school year, for all public schools in
7 Oklahoma, school shall actually be in session and classroom
8 instruction offered:

9 a. for not less than one hundred eighty-one (181) days,
10 or

11 b. for not less than one thousand eighty-six (1,086)
12 hours each school year, if a district board of
13 education adopts a school-hours policy and notifies
14 the State Board of Education prior to September 15 of
15 the applicable school year.

16 3. For the 2017-2018 school year, for all public schools in
17 Oklahoma, school shall actually be in session and classroom
18 instruction offered:

19 a. for not less than one hundred eighty-two (182) days,
20 or

21 b. for not less than one thousand ninety-two (1,092)
22 hours each school year, if a district board of
23 education adopts a school-hours policy and notifies
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1 the State Board of Education prior to September 15 of
2 the applicable school year.

3 4. For the 2018-2019 school year, for all public schools in
4 Oklahoma, school shall actually be in session and classroom
5 instruction offered:

- 6 a. for not less than one hundred eighty-three (183) days,
7 or
8 b. for not less than one thousand ninety-eight (1,098)
9 hours each school year, if a district board of
10 education adopts a school-hours policy and notifies
11 the State Board of Education prior to September 15 of
12 the applicable school year.

13 5. For the 2019-2020 school year, for all public schools in
14 Oklahoma, school shall actually be in session and classroom
15 instruction offered:

- 16 a. for not less than one hundred eighty-four (184) days,
17 or
18 b. for not less than one thousand one hundred four
19 (1,104) hours each school year, if a district board of
20 education adopts a school-hours policy and notifies
21 the State Board of Education prior to September 15 of
22 the applicable school year.

1 6. For the 2020-2021 school year, for all public schools in
2 Oklahoma, school shall actually be in session and classroom
3 instruction offered:

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

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

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

16 C. Teachers off contract with an employing district shall not
17 be required by the employing school district to attend professional
18 meetings unless the teacher is paid additional compensation for the
19 additional time. Teachers may be paid additional compensation for
20 attending professional meetings in excess of their contract term.
21 Subject to district board of education policy or collective
22 bargaining agreement, additional paid professional days may be
23 granted for individual teachers to attend or participate in
24 professional meetings, staff development training, or National Board

1 certification portfolio development as provided for in Section 6-
2 204.2 of this title.

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

8 E. A school district may maintain school for less than a full
9 school year only when conditions beyond the control of school
10 authorities make the maintenance of the term impossible and the
11 State Board of Education has been apprised and has expressed
12 concurrence in writing.

13 F. The State Board of Education shall establish criteria for an
14 extended-day schedule for schools subject to ~~paragraph 1 of the~~
15 annual number of days of instruction specified in subsection A of
16 this section. The criteria shall:

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

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

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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 G. 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 H. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections F and G of
10 this section, a school district board of education subject to
11 ~~paragraph 1 of~~ the annual number of days of instruction specified in
12 subsection A of this section may adopt and implement an extended-day
13 schedule for grades nine through twelve subject to the following
14 requirements:

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

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

23 3. The schedule adopted shall be consistent with the provisions
24 of Sections 1-111 and 1-112 of this title, except that for not more

1 than one (1) day per week, a school day shall consist of not less
2 than five (5) hours devoted to academic instruction in a regular
3 classroom setting;

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

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

18 I. If subject to ~~paragraph 2 of~~ the annual number of hours of
19 instruction specified in subsection A of this section, a district
20 board of education or designee may elect to close a school during
21 the school day for inclement weather purposes. In such an event,
22 the number of hours incurred in classroom instruction time prior to
23 school closure shall be counted toward the ~~one thousand eighty~~
24 ~~(1,080)~~ number of hours of instruction per year requirement.

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

8 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2015.

9 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
10 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
11 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
12 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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