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98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE COOKSON.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 171.031, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to school terms.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 171.031, RSMo, is repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 171.031 and 171.032, to read as follows:

171.031. 1. Each school board shall prepare annually a calendar for the school term, specifying the opening date and providing a minimum term of at least one hundred seventy-four days for schools with a five-day school week or one hundred forty-two days for schools with a four-day school week, and one thousand forty-four hours of actual pupil attendance. In addition, such calendar shall include six make-up days for possible loss of attendance due to inclement weather as defined in subsection 1 of section 171.033.

2. Each local school district may set its opening date each year, which date shall be no earlier than ten calendar days prior to the first Monday in September. No public school district shall select an earlier start date unless the district follows the procedure set forth in subsection 3 of this section.

3. A district may set an opening date that is more than ten calendar days prior to the first Monday in September only if the local school board first gives public notice of a public meeting to discuss the proposal of opening school on a date more than ten days prior to the first Monday in September, and the local school board holds said meeting and, at the same public meeting, a majority of the board votes to allow an earlier opening date. **The meeting held to discuss the proposal shall be a public meeting separate from a regularly-scheduled school board meeting, and public notice shall be publication in the newspaper with the largest**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 **circulation within the municipality or county in which a school district is located at least**
19 **two weeks prior to the public meeting.** If all of the previous conditions are met, the district
20 may set its opening date more than ten calendar days prior to the first Monday in September.
21 The condition provided in this subsection must be satisfied by the local school board each year
22 that the board proposes an opening date more than ten days before the first Monday in
23 September.

24 4. If any local district violates the provisions of this section, the department of
25 elementary and secondary education shall withhold an amount equal to one quarter of the state
26 funding the district generated under section 163.031 for each date the district was in violation
27 of this section.

28 5. The provisions of subsections 2 to 4 of this section shall not apply to school districts
29 in which school is in session for twelve months of each calendar year.

30 6. The state board of education may grant an exemption from this section to a school
31 district that demonstrates highly unusual and extenuating circumstances justifying exemption
32 from the provisions of subsections 2 to 4 of this section. Any exemption granted by the state
33 board of education shall be valid for one academic year only.

34 7. No school day for schools with a five-day school week shall be longer than seven
35 hours except for vocational schools which may adopt an eight-hour day in a metropolitan school
36 district and a school district in a first class county adjacent to a city not within a county, and any
37 school that adopts a four-day school week in accordance with section 171.029.

171.032. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, beginning in school year
2 **2016-17, all school held during the months of June, July, and August shall be conducted**
3 **on a four-day school week schedule. The local school board shall be responsible for**
4 **determining which days of the week school will be in session. The provisions of this section**
5 **shall apply to all regular and summer school terms in which school is in session during the**
6 **months of June, July, and August.**

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