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HOUSE BILL NO. 122

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To repeal section 171.031, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to
school starting dates.

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

Section A. Section 171.031, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu

2 thereof, to be known as section 171.031, to read as follows:

171.031. 1. Each school board shall prepare annually a calendar for the school term,

2 specifying the opening date, days of planned attendance, and providing a minimum term of at

3 least one hundred seventy-four days for schools with a five-day school week or one hundred

4 forty-two days for schools with a four-day school week, and one thousand forty-four hours of

5 actual pupil attendance. In school year 2019-20 and subsequent years, one thousand forty-

6 four hours of actual pupil attendance shall be required for the school term with no minimum

7 number of school days. In addition, such calendar shall include six make-up days for possible

8 loss of attendance due to inclement weather as defined in subsection 1 of section 171.033. In

9 school year 2019-20 and subsequent years, such calendar shall include thirty-six make-up

10 hours for possible loss of attendance due to inclement weather, as defined in subsection 1 of

11 section 171.033, with no minimum number of make-up days.

12 　　　2. Each local school district may set its opening date each year, which date shall be no

13 earlier than fourteen calendar days prior to the first Monday in September. No public school

14 district shall select an earlier start date unless**[, for calendars for school years before school**

15 **year 2020-21,]** the district follows the procedure set forth in subsection 3 of this section. **[The**

16 **procedure set forth in subsection 3 of this section shall be unavailable to school districts in**

17 **preparing their calendars for school year 2020-21 and for subsequent years.]**

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   3. **[For calendars for school years before school year 2020-21,]** A district may set an
19   opening date that is more than fourteen calendar days prior to the first Monday in September
20   only if the local school board first gives public notice of a public meeting to discuss the
21   proposal of opening school on a date more than fourteen days prior to the first Monday in
22   September, and the local school board holds said meeting and, at the same public meeting, a
23   majority of the board votes to allow an earlier opening date. If all of the previous conditions
24   are met, the district may set its opening date more than fourteen calendar days prior to the first
25   Monday in September. The condition provided in this subsection must be satisfied by the
26   local school board each year that the board proposes an opening date more than fourteen days
27   before the first Monday in September.
28   4. If any local district violates the provisions of this section, the department of
29   elementary and secondary education shall withhold an amount equal to one quarter of the
30   state funding the district generated under section 163.031 for each date the district was in
31   violation of this section.
32   5. The provisions of subsections 2 to 4 of this section shall not apply to school
33   districts in which school is in session for twelve months of each calendar year.
34   6. The state board of education may grant an exemption from this section to a school
35   district that demonstrates highly unusual and extenuating circumstances justifying exemption
36   from the provisions of subsections 2 to 4 of this section. Any exemption granted by the state
37   board of education shall be valid for one academic year only.

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