

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

Offered By

1 AMEND House Bill No. 1611, Page 1, In the Title, Lines 2-3, by deleting the words "the
2 establishment of developmental guidance and counseling programs in schools" and inserting in lieu
3 thereof the words "elementary and secondary education"; and
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5 Further amend said bill, Page 2, Section 167.266, Line 19, by inserting after all of said section and
6 line the following:
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8 "171.031. 1. Each school board shall prepare annually a calendar for the school term,
9 specifying the opening date and providing a minimum term of at least one hundred seventy-four
10 days for schools with a five-day school week or one hundred forty-two days for schools with a four-
11 day school week, and one thousand forty-four hours of actual pupil attendance. In addition, such
12 calendar shall include six make-up days for possible loss of attendance due to inclement weather as
13 defined in subsection 1 of section 171.033.

14 2. Each local school district may set its opening date each year[, which]. For school years
15 before school year 2017-18, such opening date shall be no earlier than ten calendar days prior to the
16 first Monday in September. For school year 2017-18 and for subsequent years, such opening date
17 shall be no earlier than September first. No public school district shall select an earlier start date
18 unless, for school years before school year 2017-18, the district follows the procedure set forth in
19 subsection 3 of this section. The procedure set forth in subsection 3 of this section shall be
20 unavailable to school districts for school year 2017-18 and for subsequent years.

21 3. For school years before school year 2017-18, a district may set an opening date that is
22 more than ten calendar days prior to the first Monday in September only if the local school board
23 first gives public notice of a public meeting to discuss the proposal of opening school on a date
24 more than ten days prior to the first Monday in September, and the local school board holds said
25 meeting and, at the same public meeting, a majority of the board votes to allow an earlier opening
26 date. If all of the previous conditions are met, the district may set its opening date more than ten
27 calendar days prior to the first Monday in September. The condition provided in this subsection
28 must be satisfied by the local school board each year that the board proposes an opening date more
29 than ten days before the first Monday in September.

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

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

35 6. The state board of education may grant an exemption from this section to a school district
36 that demonstrates highly unusual and extenuating circumstances justifying exemption from the

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1 provisions of subsections 2 to 4 of this section. Any exemption granted by the state board of
2 education shall be valid for one academic year only.

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

7 8. For school year 2017-18 and for subsequent years, a district shall set an end date no later
8 than the Friday prior to the last Monday in May."; and

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10 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
11 accordingly.