

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 82

BY SENATORS MIZELL AND HODGES

SCHOOLS. Provides for a five-day school week for public schools with exceptions. (gov sig)

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:154.1(D), relative to the length of a school week; to provide for a five-day mandatory school week for public schools; to provide for exceptions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:154.1(D) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§154.1. Length of school day, week, and year; requirements

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D.(1) The minimum school week shall consist of five consecutive days within a week, except for acknowledged legal holidays.

(2) The requirements of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection shall not apply to either one of the following:

(a) Any school district that receives a performance score of A from the state Department of Education.

(b) Any city, parish, or other local school system that participates in a four day school week on or before December 31, 2025, may continue with the four day school week.

1 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
2 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bill to become law without signature
3 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
4 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
5 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

DIGEST

SB 82 Engrossed

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Present law requires that the minimum school day for grades one through 12 in every public school in the state consist of 360 minutes of instructional time, exclusive of all recesses. Present law further requires that the minimum school year consist of 177 days of instruction.

Proposed law retains present law and adds the requirement that the minimum school week for grades one through 12 in every public school in the state consist of five consecutive days within a week, except for acknowledged legal holidays.

Proposed law provides exceptions to the five-day school day requirement in either one of the following circumstances:

- (1) Any school district that receives a performance score of A from the state Dept. of Education.
- (2) Any city, parish, or other local school system that participates in a four day school week on or before December 31, 2025, may continue with the four day school week.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 17:154.1(D))