
DIGEST

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HB 20 Engrossed

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Abstract: Provides relative to the applicability of the minimum requirements for instructional time to schools that cannot meet such requirements because the school temporarily shared facilities with another school due to damages caused by a natural catastrophe or disaster.

Present law (R.S. 17:154.1(A)(1)) provides that the minimum school day for grades one through 12 in every public school shall consist of 360 minutes of instructional time and the minimum school year shall consist of 177 days of instruction. Authorizes school governing authorities to modify the total number of instructional minutes per day and instructional days per year under certain conditions, provided the minimum total instructional minutes for the year is not changed.

Proposed law retains present law and adds that, effective for the 2016-2017 school year and thereafter, present law requirements relative to instructional time shall not be applicable to any public school that cannot meet such requirements because the school temporarily shared facilities with another school due to damages caused by a natural catastrophe or disaster that was declared by the governor pursuant to present law and that was certified by the state superintendent of education and approved by the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE). Authorizes BESE to require that the school provide a minimum number of daily instructional minutes that is less than present law requirements. Requires that any such school not able to meet present law requirements submit to the state superintendent documented information explaining why the school could not meet such requirements, any efforts made by the school toward meeting the requirements, and a revised school calendar for the affected school year.

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

(Adds R.S. 17:154.1(A)(6))