

**ACT No. 365**

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 20

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:154.1(A)(6), relative to minimum requirements for instructional time for students in public schools; to provide for applicability of such requirements under certain circumstances; to provide for exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:154.1(A)(6) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§154.1. Length of school day and year; requirements

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(6)(a) Effective for the 2016-2017 school year and thereafter, the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection shall not apply to any city, parish, or other public school that cannot meet those requirements because the school temporarily shared facilities with another school due to damages caused by a natural disaster or emergency that was declared by the governor pursuant to R.S. 29:724 and that was certified by the state superintendent of education and approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education as provided in Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph. The state board may require that the school provide a minimum number of daily instructional minutes that is less than the requirements set forth in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection and provide other requirements it deems necessary to support student learning.

(b) Such certification by the superintendent and approval by the board shall be in accordance with criteria established pursuant to rules and regulations adopted by the board for such purpose in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

1           Such rules and regulations shall include but not be limited to a requirement that any  
 2           such school not able to meet the requirements of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection  
 3           shall submit to the state superintendent of education for approval, in accordance with  
 4           time lines established by the state board, documented information explaining why  
 5           the school could not meet such requirements, any efforts made by the school toward  
 6           meeting the requirements, and a revised school calendar for the affected school year.

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

\_\_\_\_\_ **SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

\_\_\_\_\_ **PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE**

\_\_\_\_\_ **GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA**

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_