

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 20

BY REPRESENTATIVES PRICE, BERTHELOT, BACALA, BOUIE, BROADWATER,  
HALL, LEGER, AND SMITH

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

SCHOOLS: Provides relative to exemptions from the requirements for school instructional  
time under certain circumstances

1 AN ACT

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

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

7 §154.1. Length of school day and year; requirements

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



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))