
DIGEST

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HB 528 Engrossed

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Abstract: Authorizes a balanced calendar pilot program for public schools.

Present law provides for a minimum school day, consisting of at least 360 minutes of instructional time. Requires a school year consist of 172 days of instruction.

Present law provides that any governing authority of a public elementary or secondary school may authorize some or all of its schools to modify the total number of instructional minutes per day and instructional days per year as long as the total number of instructional minutes per year is no less than the minimum number of minutes required by present law.

Proposed law authorizes a balanced calendar school year pilot program for public school governing authorities that are interested in a balanced calendar.

Proposed law defines "balanced calendar" as a school year calendar that includes:

- (1) School being in session for at least 11 months out of a calendar year.
- (2) Intersession periods, as deemed necessary.

Proposed law requires the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education to adopt rules for implementation of proposed law.

Proposed law requires the Dept. of Education to submit a report to the legislative education committees, which shall include any recommendations for legislation for support of a balanced calendar school year outside of the pilot program.

(Adds R.S. 17:154.5)