

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 244

BY REPRESENTATIVE MINCEY

SCHOOLS: Provides relative to public school calendar requirements

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:154.1(C) and 1945.3 and to repeal Subpart H of Part III of Chapter 1 of
3 Title 17, comprised of R.S. 17:341 through 348, relative to public school calendars;
4 to require public school governing authorities to determine school calendars; to
5 provide relative to the powers and duties of the State Board of Elementary and
6 Secondary Education and the state Department of Education with respect to school
7 calendars; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 17:154.1(C) and 1945.3 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §154.1. Length of school day and year; requirements

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12 C. Each public school governing authority shall determine the school-year
13 calendar for the schools under its jurisdiction. Neither the State Board of Elementary
14 and Secondary Education nor the state Department of Education shall determine or
15 require approval of a calendar for any city, parish, or other local public school board
16 in the state.

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1 §1945.3. Louisiana Schools for the Deaf and Visually Impaired; year-round
 2 operation; continuing service
 3 The Louisiana Schools for the Deaf and Visually Impaired may operate year-
 4 round under the provisions of this Section, subject to the approval of the
 5 superintendent of the Special School District and subject to the availability of funds.
 6 Section 2. Subpart H of Part III of Chapter 1 of Title 17, comprised of R.S. 17:341
 7 through 348, is hereby repealed in its entirety.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires public school governing authorities to determine school-year calendars.

Present law authorizes a public school governing authority to adjust the number of instructional minutes and instructional days for the schools under their jurisdictions, provided the total number of instructional minutes per year is no less than the minimum number of instructional minutes per day (360) multiplied by the minimum number of instructional days (177) required by present law. Proposed law retains present law and further requires public school governing authorities to determine school-year calendars for the schools under their jurisdictions.

Present law authorizes public school governing authorities to have schools operating under year-round calendars, subject to approval by the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE). Proposed law repeals present law.

Proposed law prohibits BESE and the state Dept. of Education from requiring approval of school-year calendars and from setting school-year calendars for public schools.

(Adds R.S. 17:154.1(C) and 1945.3; Repeals R.S. 17:341-348)