

2024 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 66

BY SENATOR MIZELL

SCHOOLS. Provides for a mandatory five-day school week for public schools. (gov sig)

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:154.1(A)(1), relative to the length of a school week; to provide for a five-day mandatory school week for public schools; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:154.1(A)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§154.1. Length of school day, week, and year; requirements

A.(1) The minimum school day for grades one through twelve in every public school in the state shall consist of three hundred sixty minutes of instructional time, exclusive of all recesses. **The minimum school week shall consist of five consecutive days within a week, except for acknowledged legal holidays.** The minimum school year shall consist of one hundred seventy-seven days of instruction. However, in order to provide teacher training, provide for the safety and well-being of students, or implement other educational reform efforts, 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

1 the minimum number of instructional minutes per day multiplied by the minimum
2 number of instructional days as required by this Section.

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

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Michael Bell.

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Present law requires that the minimum school day for grades one through 12 in every public school in the state consist of 360 minutes of instructional time, exclusive of all recesses. Present law further requires that the minimum school year consist of 177 days of instruction.

Propose law retains present law and adds the requirement that the minimum school week for grades one through 12 in every public school in the state consist of five consecutive days within a week, except for acknowledged legal holidays.

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

(Amends R.S. 17:154.1(A)(1))