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AN ACT

To repeal sections 160.011, 160.041, 171.031, and 171.033, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof five new sections relating to four-day school weeks.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 160.011, 160.041, 171.031, and 171.033, RSMo, are repealed and
2 five new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 160.011, 160.041, 171.029,
3 171.031, and 171.033, to read as follows:

160.011. As used in chapters 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 167, 168, 170, 171, 177 and
2 178, RSMo, the following terms mean:

3 (1) "District" or "school district", when used alone, may include seven-director, urban,
4 and metropolitan school districts;

5 (2) "Elementary school", a public school giving instruction in a grade or grades not
6 higher than the eighth grade;

7 (3) "Family literacy programs", services of sufficient intensity in terms of hours, and of
8 sufficient duration, to make sustainable changes in families that include:

9 (a) Interactive literacy activities between parents and their children;

10 (b) Training of parents regarding how to be the primary teacher of their children and full
11 partners in the education of their children;

12 (c) Parent literacy training that leads to high school completion and economic self
13 sufficiency; and

14 (d) An age-appropriate education to prepare children of all ages for success in school;

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

15 (4) "Graduation rate", the quotient of the number of graduates in the current year as of
16 June thirtieth divided by the sum of the number of graduates in the current year as of June
17 thirtieth plus the number of twelfth graders who dropped out in the current year plus the number
18 of eleventh graders who dropped out in the preceding year plus the number of tenth graders who
19 dropped out in the second preceding year plus the number of ninth graders who dropped out in
20 the third preceding year;

21 (5) "High school", a public school giving instruction in a grade or grades not lower than
22 the ninth nor higher than the twelfth grade;

23 (6) "Metropolitan school district", any school district the boundaries of which are
24 coterminous with the limits of any city which is not within a county;

25 (7) "Public school" includes all elementary and high schools operated at public expense;

26 (8) "School board", the board of education having general control of the property and
27 affairs of any school district;

28 (9) "School term", a minimum of one hundred seventy-four school days, as that term is
29 defined in section 160.041, **for schools with a five-day school week or a minimum of one**
30 **hundred forty-two school days, as that term is defined in section 160.041, for schools with**
31 **a four-day school week**, and one thousand forty-four hours of actual pupil attendance as
32 scheduled by the board pursuant to section 171.031, RSMo, during a twelve-month period in
33 which the academic instruction of pupils is actually and regularly carried on for a group of
34 students in the public schools of any school district. A "school term" may be within a school
35 year or may consist of parts of two consecutive school years, but does not include summer
36 school. A district may choose to operate two or more terms for different groups of children;

37 (10) "Secretary", the secretary of the board of a school district;

38 (11) "Seven-director district", any school district which has seven directors and includes
39 urban districts regardless of the number of directors an urban district may have unless otherwise
40 provided by law;

41 (12) "Taxpayer", any individual who has paid taxes to the state or any subdivision
42 thereof within the immediately preceding twelve-month period or the spouse of such individual;

43 (13) "Town", any town or village, whether or not incorporated, the plat of which has
44 been filed in the office of the recorder of deeds of the county in which it is situated;

45 (14) "Urban school district", any district which includes more than half of the population
46 or land area of any city which has not less than seventy thousand inhabitants, other than a city
47 which is not within a county.

160.041. 1. The "minimum school day" consists of three hours **for schools with a five-**
2 **day school week or four hours for schools with a four-day school week** in which the pupils
3 are under the guidance and direction of teachers in the teaching process. A "school month"

4 consists of four weeks of five days each **for schools with a five-day school week or four weeks**
5 **of four days each for schools with a four-day school week.** The "school year" commences on
6 the first day of July and ends on the thirtieth day of June following.

7 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 1 of this section, the commissioner of
8 education is authorized to reduce the required number of hours and days in which the pupils are
9 under the guidance and direction of teachers in the teaching process if:

10 (1) There is damage to or destruction of a public school facility which requires the dual
11 utilization of another school facility; or

12 (2) Flooding or other inclement weather as defined in subsection 1 of section 171.033,
13 RSMo, prevents students from attending the public school facility.

14 Such reduction shall not extend beyond two calendar years in duration.

171.029. The school board of any school district in the state, upon adoption of a
2 **resolution by the vote of a majority of all its members to authorize such action, may**
3 **establish a four-day school week in lieu of a five-day school week. Upon adoption of a**
4 **four-day school week, any school that adopts a four-day school week shall file a calendar**
5 **with the department of elementary and secondary education in accordance with section**
6 **171.031. Such calendar shall include, but not be limited to, a minimum term of one**
7 **hundred forty-two days and one thousand forty-four hours of actual pupil attendance.**

171.031. 1. Each school board shall prepare annually a calendar for the school term,
2 specifying the opening date and providing a minimum term of at least one hundred seventy-four
3 days **for schools with a five-day school week or one hundred forty-two school days for**
4 **schools with a four-day school week,** and one thousand forty-four hours of actual pupil
5 attendance. In addition, such calendar shall include six make-up days for possible loss of
6 attendance due to inclement weather as defined in subsection 1 of section 171.033.

7 2. Each local school district may set its opening date each year, which date shall be no
8 earlier than ten calendar days prior to the first Monday in September. No public school district
9 shall select an earlier start date unless the district follows the procedure set forth in subsection
10 3 of this section.

11 3. A district may set an opening date that is more than ten calendar days prior to the first
12 Monday in September only if the local school board first gives public notice of a public meeting
13 to discuss the proposal of opening school on a date more than ten days prior to the first Monday
14 in September, and the local school board holds said meeting and, at the same public meeting, a
15 majority of the board votes to allow an earlier opening date. If all of the previous conditions are
16 met, the district may set its opening date more than ten calendar days prior to the first Monday
17 in September. The condition provided in this subsection must be satisfied by the local school

18 board each year that the board proposes an opening date more than ten days before the first
19 Monday in September.

20 4. If any local district violates the provisions of this section, the department of
21 elementary and secondary education shall withhold an amount equal to one quarter of the state
22 funding the district generated under section 163.031, RSMo, for each date the district was in
23 violation of this section.

24 5. The provisions of subsections 2 to 4 of this section shall not apply to school districts
25 in which school is in session for twelve months of each calendar year.

26 6. The state board of education may grant an exemption from this section to a school
27 district that demonstrates highly unusual and extenuating circumstances justifying exemption
28 from the provisions of subsections 2 to 4 of this section. Any exemption granted by the state
29 board of education shall be valid for one academic year only.

30 7. No school day **for schools with a five-day school week** shall be longer than seven
31 hours except for vocational schools which may adopt an eight-hour day in a metropolitan school
32 district and a school district in a first class county adjacent to a city not within a county, **and any**
33 **school that adopts a four-day school week in accordance with section 171.029.**

171.033. 1. "Inclement weather", for purposes of this section, shall be defined as ice,
2 snow, extreme cold, flooding, or a tornado, but such term shall not include excessive heat.

3 2. A district shall be required to make up the first six days of school lost or canceled due
4 to inclement weather and half the number of days lost or canceled in excess of six days. **Schools**
5 **with a four-day school week may schedule such make-up days on Fridays.**

6 3. [In the 2005-06 school year, a school district may be exempt from the requirement to
7 make up days of school lost or canceled due to inclement weather occurring after April 1, 2006,
8 in the school district, but such reduction of the minimum number of school days shall not exceed
9 five days when a district has missed more than seven days overall, such reduction to be taken as
10 follows: one day for eight days missed, two days for nine days missed, three days for ten days
11 missed, four days for eleven days missed, and five days for twelve or more days missed. The
12 requirement for scheduling two-thirds of the missed days into the next year's calendar pursuant
13 to subsection 1 of this section shall be waived for the 2006-07 school year.

14 4.] The commissioner of education may provide, for any school district in which schools
15 are in session for twelve months of each calendar year that cannot meet the minimum school
16 calendar requirement of at least one hundred seventy-four days **for schools with a five-day**
17 **school week or one hundred forty-two days for schools with a four-day school week** and one
18 thousand forty-four hours of actual pupil attendance, upon request, a waiver to be excused from
19 such requirement. This waiver shall be requested from the commissioner of education and may

20 be granted if the school was closed due to circumstances beyond school district control,
21 including inclement weather, flooding or fire.

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