

HB 1943 -- ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

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DEFINITIONS (Section 160.011, RSMo)

This bill changes the definition of "school term" from specific requirements on a particular number of days, the total of which must equal 1,044 hours of actual pupil attendance (depending on if a school district meets four or five days a week), to a standard measurement of 1,044 hours of actual pupil attendance and no subsequent number(s) of days.

MINIMUM SCHOOL DAYS (Section 160.041)

This bill requires, beginning in the 2017-18 school year and for subsequent years, each school district to define for itself "school day" or "minimum school day." No minimum number of school days will be required.

CHARTER SCHOOLS (Section 160.405)

This bill changes the reference of what laws and rules relating to schools, governing boards, and school districts are applicable to charter schools by adding to the currently present rules of application as provided in Sections 160.400 to 160.425.

STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT (Section 160.518)

Starting the 2017-2018 school year and for subsequent years this bill prohibits any student from spending more than 2% of the school term taking required statewide assessments.

AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE (Section 163.011)

This bill prohibits the use of the "full time equivalent average daily attendance" of summer school students in computing the "average daily attendance" of the following school term beginning the 2017-18 school year and continuing for subsequent years.

This bill, beginning on July 1 2017 and continuing thereafter, establishes current operating expenditures using data from the fiscal year 2007 plus any increases in state funding under Sections 163.031 and 163.043 subsequent to fiscal year 2005, not to exceed 5%, per recalculation, of the state revenue received by a district in the 2004-05 school year from the foundation formula, line 14, gifted, remedial reading, exceptional pupil aid, fair share, and free textbook payments for any district from the first preceding calculation of the state adequacy target.

This bill adds language to contextually clarify subdivision content.

This bill, beginning in the 2017-18 school year and continuing thereafter, changes the meaning of "membership" by removing, in the requisite calculations, the full time-time equivalent number of summer school pupils.

This bill prohibits the "state adequacy target" recalculation from resulting in a decrease from the previous state adequacy target amount as calculated and applied in fiscal years 2017 and 2018.

COMMITTEE ON THE EDUCATION FORMULA (Section 163.019)

This bill establishes a "Committee on the Education Formula" in the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The committee must be composed of nine members as specified in the bill; including a member with the Missouri Association of School Administrators and a member of the Missouri Charter School Association, who shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, specific chairs of committees within the Senate and the House of Representatives, and a member who is on staff with the Missouri School Boards' Association who shall be appointed by the President Pro Tem of the Senate.

This bill requires the committee on the education formula to examine the school foundation formula establish under 163.031, recommend a new formula for funding elementary and secondary education, and, before June 1, 2017, report its recommendation to the Joint Committee on Education.

PUPIL ATTENDANCE (Sections 163.021 and 171.031)

This bill, beginning in the school year 2017-18 and continuing for subsequent years, requires 1,044 of actual pupil attendance, with no minimum number of school days, for each pupil or group of pupils; however, the board must provide a minimum of 522 hours of actual pupil attendance in a term for kindergarten pupils with no minimum number of school days.

STATE AID (Section 163.027)

Beginning in the school year 2017-18 and subsequent years, each school district qualified to receive state aid under section 163.021, except school districts that were designated as hold harmless prior to July 1, 2006, shall be reimbursed for summer school the amount calculated by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education by dividing the total number of hours attended

by all summer school pupils in the district by 122 hours.

SUMMER SCHOOL (Section 163.036)

This bill changes the computing of state aid regarding summer school attendance after the 2016-17 school year.

DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES (Section 163.073)

Beginning with the 2017-18 school year and subsequent years, this bill changes the formula for calculating state aid for full-time education services provided by the Division of Youth Services within the Department of Social Services to elementary and secondary students who have been assigned to the division by the courts, and who have been determined as inappropriate for attendance in a local public school.

REQUIRED HOURS (Section 171.033)

Beginning with the 2017-18 school year, this bill requires each school calendar to include 36 weather make-up hours without any minimum make-up days required and removes the provisions limiting the number of hours allowed per school day.

School districts that are provisionally accredited or unaccredited and charter schools operating in provisionally accredited or unaccredited school districts may extend their school term by 120 hours in addition to the regular school calendar. The formula for calculating the average daily attendance is specified in the bill.

REPEAL OF REQUIRED SCHOOL DAYS (Section 171.029)

The repeal of this section regarding the number of required school days will be effective July 1, 2017.