

HCS HB 1943 -- ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION (Wood)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Emerging Issues in Education

REQUIRED SCHOOL DAYS AND TERM (Sections 160.011 and 160.041, RSMo)

This bill changes the definition of "school term" from specific requirements on the number of days, the total of which must equal 1,044 hours of actual pupil attendance, to a standard measurement of 1,044 hours of actual pupil attendance and no subsequent number of days.

Beginning in the 2017-18 school year there will not be a minimum number of days required and each school district shall define for itself a "school day" or "minimum school day."

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 current rules of application as provided in Sections 160.400 to 160.425.

STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT (Section 160.518)

Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, this bill prohibits any student from spending more than 2% of the school term taking required statewide assessments.

GIFTED EDUCATION (Section 162.720)

This bill will not allow a district to make a determination as to whether a child is gifted based on the child's participation in an advanced placement course or international baccalaureate class. The determination must be based on if the child meets the definition of "gifted children" under Section 162.675. Beginning in the 2017-2018 school year, a school district will incur a reduction in funding if it experiences a decrease in its gifted program enrollment of more than 20%. If a school district experiences a decrease of 20% or more in its gifted program enrollment, an amount equal to the product of the difference between the number of students enrolled in the gifted program in the current school year and the number of students enrolled in the previous school year multiplied by \$680 must be subtracted from the school district's current year payment amount. This provision does not apply to a school with less than 300 enrolled students.

CURRENT OPERATING EXPENDITURES (Section 163.011)

This bill repeals current language enacted on July 1, 2010 defining "current operating expenditures (COE)" and changes the COE calculation by reinstating the 5% cap.

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.

This bill changes the calculation of the "free and reduced lunch threshold" by adding "regular term" to ADA within the divisor. It also adds a calculation for the "free and reduced lunch threshold for the district." Calculated by multiplying the free and reduced lunch threshold by the districts regular term ADA.

This bill changes the calculation of the "Limited English proficiency threshold" by adding "regular term" to ADA within the divisor. It also adds a calculation for the "Limited English proficiency threshold for the district." Calculated by multiplying the limited English proficiency threshold by the districts regular term ADA.

This bill adds a calculation for the regular term average daily attendance using the total number of hours attended in a term by the resident pupils aged 5-21 divided by the actual number of hours school was in session in that term.

This bill changes the calculation for the special education threshold by adding regular term to ADA within the divisor. It also adds a calculation for the special education threshold for the district. Calculated by multiplying the special education threshold by the district's regular term ADA.

This bill changes the weighted average daily attendance calculation for the free and reduced lunch threshold, special education threshold, and limited English proficiency threshold by making these calculations district specific.

#### EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (Section 163.018)

This bill will allow school districts and charter schools to include pupils between the ages of 3-5 who are eligible for free and reduced lunches in the district's or charter school's calculation of average daily attendance if the pupils attend an early childhood education program that is either operated by the district or charter school or under contract by the district or charter school. Contracted programs must meet standards established by the state board of education.

#### JOINT COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION (Section 163.019)

The committee must hold a hearing and report its findings to the General Assembly by January 31, 2017.

#### PUPIL ATTENDANCE (Sections 163.021 and 171.031)

Beginning in the school year 2017-18, this bill requires 1,044 hours 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.

#### 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. It also adds a calculation for the special education threshold for the district. Calculated by multiplying the special education threshold by the district's regular term ADA.

#### SUMMER SCHOOL (Section 167.228)

This bill limits the amount of summer school hours claimed for purposes of state aid distribution under Sections 163.031 to 240 hours.

#### 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.

The bill repeals Section 171.029, regarding the number of required school days and has an effective date July 1, 2017.

This bill contains an emergency clause for certain sections.