

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

Offered By _____

1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 478, Page 7, Section 167.121, Line 42, by
2 inserting after all of said section and line the following:

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

9 2. Each local school district may set its opening date each year, which date shall be no earlier than
10 ten calendar days prior to the first Monday in September. No public school district shall select an earlier start
11 date unless, for school years before school year 2018-19, the district follows the procedure set forth in
12 subsection 3 of this section. The procedure set forth in subsection 3 of this section shall be unavailable to
13 school districts in preparing their calendars for school year 2018-19 and for subsequent years.

14 3. For calendars for school years before school year 2018-19, a district may set an opening date that
15 is more than ten calendar days prior to the first Monday in September only if the local school board first
16 gives public notice of a public meeting to discuss the proposal of opening school on a date more than ten
17 days prior to the first Monday in September, and the local school board holds said meeting and, at the same
18 public meeting, a majority of the board votes to allow an earlier opening date. If all of the previous
19 conditions are met, the district may set its opening date more than ten calendar days prior to the first Monday
20 in September. The condition provided in this subsection must be satisfied by the local school board each
21 year that the board proposes an opening date more than ten days before the first Monday in September.

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

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

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

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

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36 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references accordingly.
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Action Taken _____ Date _____