

HB 1417 -- NUMBER OF SCHOOL DAYS REQUIRED

SPONSOR: Sauls

Current law requires 1044 hours of pupil instruction with a minimum of 174 days for schools with a five-day school week or 142 days for schools with a four-day school week.

This bill modifies current provisions of law relating to the minimum school term and school day by requiring specific school districts, located wholly or partially in a county with a charter form of government or any school district located wholly or partially within a city with more than 30,000 inhabitants with a five-day week to have a minimum school term that consists of 1044 hours or 169 school days of actual pupil attendance.

This bill provides that such school districts may adopt a four-day school week in lieu of a five-day school week for a period of 10 years and only by submitting to the qualified voters of the school district a ballot measure authorizing the same.

This bill provides for additional funding in an amount equal to 2% of the schools preceding year's June state aid to any district that has more than 169 school days, provided such funding is used for teacher salaries.

The bill also modifies current law that no public school district shall select an earlier start date than 14 calendar days prior to the first Monday in September to allow any district to vote to allow an earlier opening date, provided such district has a minimum term of 175 days.