

Hall of the House of Representatives
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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 1390

TO AMEND THE DATE ON WHICH PUBLIC SCHOOLS SHALL BEGIN THE SCHOOL YEAR.

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 1390

Amend House Bill No. 1390 as originally introduced:

Add Representative Cozart as a cosponsor of the bill

AND

Page 1, line 10, delete "SCHOOL YEAR" and substitute "SCHOOL YEAR; TO ALLOW A PUBLIC SCHOOL TO TRANSITION FROM A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF DAYS REQUIRED DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR TO A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF HOURS REQUIRED DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR"

AND

Delete the subtitle in its entirety and substitute:

"TO AMEND THE DATE ON WHICH PUBLIC
SCHOOLS BEGIN THE SCHOOL YEAR; AND TO
ALLOW PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO TRANSITION FROM
A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF DAYS REQUIRED DURING
THE SCHOOL YEAR TO A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF
HOURS REQUIRED DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR."

AND

Page 1, line 23, delete "In each school year" and substitute "~~In each school year~~ Beginning with the 2020-2021 school year"

AND

Page 1, line 28, delete "the Monday" and substitute "the third Monday"

AND

Page 1, delete line 29, and substitute the following:



"of each August"

AND

Page 2, line 3, delete "(2)" and substitute "(2)(A)"

AND

Page 2, delete line 8, and substitute the following:
"inclement weather, or other acts of God.

(B) The department shall not grant a public school district a waiver under § 6-15-103 to begin school on an earlier date.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-16-102, concerning the definition of a "school day" is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(d)(1)(A) A public school or open-enrollment public charter school may transition from a certain number of days for student-teacher interaction time required by the Department of Education to a certain number of hours for student-teacher interaction time if the public school or open-enrollment public charter school submits to the department a plan that accommodates and assures the following without limitation:

(i) Professional development requirements;

(ii) Alternative methods of instruction plans;

(iii) The number of minutes of instruction by a public school teacher required per week during the school year;

(iv) A plan to ensure that contracts of the public school's teachers are not affected by the transition requested under this subdivision (d)(1)(A); and

(v) Any other relevant information regarding aspects of public school education and reporting requirements that may be affected by the transition requested under this subdivision (d)(1)(A).

(B) The department shall approve a public school's or open-enrollment public charter school's submitted plan under subdivision (d)(1)(A) of this section unless the public school's or open-enrollment public charter school's submitted plan does not meet the requirements of the department under subdivision (d)(1)(A) of this section.

(2) A plan submitted by a public school or open-enrollment public charter school under subdivision (d)(1)(A) of this section shall be submitted to the department by July 1 of the year in which the public school or open-enrollment public charter school is requesting that the transition under subdivision (d)(1)(A) take place.

(3) The department shall submit annually by August 1 to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education a list of public schools and open-enrollment public charter schools that have requested and received approval for a plan to transition from a certain number of days for student-teacher interaction time to a certain number of hours for student-teacher interaction time under subdivision (d)(1)(A) of this section."

The Amendment was read _____
By: Representative Lowery
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