

## HOUSE BILL No. 2651

By Committee on Education

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9 AN ACT relating to school districts; concerning school terms, holidays  
10 and in-service training; amending K.S.A. 72-1106 and repealing the  
11 existing section.  
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13 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

14 Section 1. K.S.A. 72-1106 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-  
15 1106. (a) ~~Subject to the other provisions of this section, a school term~~  
16 ~~during which public school shall be maintained in each school year by~~  
17 ~~each school district organized under the laws of this state shall consist of~~  
18 ~~not less than 186 school days for pupils attending kindergarten or any of~~  
19 ~~the grades one through 11 and not less than 181 school days for pupils~~  
20 ~~attending grade 12. Subject to the provisions of this subsection, the state~~  
21 ~~board of education shall prescribe by rule and regulation the term for~~  
22 ~~each school year for school districts in this state, and the number of school~~  
23 ~~days for each school year. A school year shall commence no sooner than~~  
24 ~~the day after Labor day and shall end no later than the day before Me-~~  
25 ~~morial day.~~

26 (b) Subject to a policy developed and adopted by the board of any  
27 school district, the board may provide for a school term consisting of  
28 school hours. ~~A school term provided for in a policy adopted under this~~  
29 ~~subsection shall consist of: (1) For pupils attending kindergarten, not less~~  
30 ~~than 465 school hours in each school year; and (2) for pupils attending~~  
31 ~~any of the grades one through 11, not less than 1,116 school hours in~~  
32 ~~each school year; and (3) for pupils attending grade 12, not less than 1,086~~  
33 ~~school hours in each school year. Each board of education which develops~~  
34 ~~and adopts a policy providing for a school term in accordance with this~~  
35 ~~subsection shall notify the state board of education thereof on or before~~  
36 ~~September 15 in each school year for which the policy is to be in effect.~~

37 (c) Subject to a plan developed and adopted by the board of any  
38 school district, the board may schedule the school days required for a  
39 school term provided for under subsection (a), or the school hours re-  
40 quired for a school term provided for in a policy adopted under subsection  
41 (b), on a trimestral or quarterly basis. Each board of education which  
42 develops and adopts a plan providing for the scheduling of the school  
43 days or school hours of the school term on a trimestral or quarterly basis

1 shall submit the plan to the state board of education for approval prior  
2 to implementation. The plan shall be prepared in such form and manner  
3 as the state board shall require and shall be submitted at a time or times  
4 to be determined and specified by the state board.

5 (d) Subject to a policy developed and adopted by the board of any  
6 district as an adjunct to the district's disciplinary policy or as a part of the  
7 district's school improvement plan, the board may schedule school days  
8 in addition to the school days scheduled for a school term provided for  
9 under subsection (a), or school hours in addition to the school hours  
10 scheduled for a school term provided for in a policy adopted under sub-  
11 section (b), or both such additional school days and school hours for pupils  
12 who are in need of remedial education or who are subject to disciplinary  
13 measures imposed under the district's disciplinary policy. Any school day  
14 or school hour scheduled for a pupil under a policy adopted under this  
15 subsection may be scheduled on weekends, before or after regular school  
16 hours, and during the summer months. Inexcusable absence from school  
17 on any school day or during any school hour by any pupil for whom  
18 additional school days or school hours have been scheduled under a policy  
19 adopted under this subsection shall be counted as an inexcusable absence  
20 from school for the purposes of K.S.A. 72-1113, and amendments thereto.

21 (e) If the board of any school district, or its designee, shall determine  
22 that inclement weather will cause hazardous driving conditions, the  
23 board, or its designee, may close any or all of the schools within the  
24 district. ~~The amount of time pupils have been in attendance when such~~  
25 ~~determination is made shall be considered a school day of a school term~~  
26 ~~or shall be considered the number of school hours for pupils to be in~~  
27 ~~attendance at school in a day, whichever is applicable. Consonant with~~  
28 ~~the other provisions of this section, a board may schedule any number of~~  
29 ~~days or hours in excess of the regularly scheduled school days or school~~  
30 ~~hours which the board determines will be necessary to compensate for~~  
31 ~~those school days or school hours that schools of the district will remain~~  
32 ~~closed during the school term due to hazardous driving conditions. If the~~  
33 ~~number of days or hours schools remain closed due to hazardous driving~~  
34 ~~conditions exceeds the number of days or hours scheduled by the board~~  
35 ~~to compensate for such school days or school hours, the excess number~~  
36 ~~of days or hours, not to exceed whichever is the lesser of (1) the number~~  
37 ~~of compensatory days or hours scheduled by the board or (2) five days or~~  
38 ~~the number of school hours regularly scheduled in five days, that schools~~  
39 ~~remain closed due to such conditions shall be considered school days or~~  
40 ~~school hours.~~

41 (f) The state board of education may waive the requirements of law  
42 relating to the duration of the school term upon application for such  
43 waiver by a school district. Such waiver may be granted by the state board

1 of education upon: (1) Certification by a board that, due to the persistence  
2 of inclement weather, hazardous driving conditions have existed in the  
3 school district for an inordinate period of time; and (2) a determination  
4 by the state board that the school district cannot reasonably adjust its  
5 schedule to comply with statutory requirements. Such waiver shall not  
6 exempt a school district from providing a school offering for each pupil  
7 which is substantially equivalent to that required by law.

8 (g) Time reserved for parent-teacher conferences for discussions on  
9 the progress of pupils may be considered part of the school term.

10 ~~(h) Time reserved for staff development or inservice training pro-~~  
11 ~~grams for the purpose of improving staff skills, developing competency~~  
12 ~~in new or highly specialized fields, improving instructional techniques, or~~  
13 ~~curriculum planning and study may be considered part of the school term~~  
14 ~~for an aggregate amount of time equal to the amount of time in excess~~  
15 ~~of the school term which is scheduled by a board of education for similar~~  
16 ~~activities. Staff development or inservice training programs for the pur-~~  
17 ~~pose of improving staff skills, developing competency in new or highly~~  
18 ~~specialized fields, improving instructional techniques or curriculum plan-~~  
19 ~~ning and study shall not be conducted for any teacher at times during a~~  
20 ~~school term in which pupils are usually scheduled for classroom instruc-~~  
21 ~~tion by such teacher. It is the intent of this subsection that staff devel-~~  
22 ~~opment and in-service training be held at times that avoid a decrease in~~  
23 ~~direct student instruction time of any teacher during a school term.~~

24 (i) Boards of education may employ noncertificated personnel to su-  
25 pervise pupils for noninstructional activities.

26 New Sec. 2. In order for school districts to have uniformity, the state  
27 board of education shall prescribe by rule and regulation the holidays on  
28 which school districts shall be closed in observance of such holidays.

29 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 72-1106 is hereby repealed.

30 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
31 publication in the statute book.