

HOUSE BILL No. 2224

By Committee on Education

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1 AN ACT concerning education; increasing the number of school days and
2 hours that must be provided by school districts each school year;
3 amending K.S.A. 72-3115 and repealing the existing section.
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 72-3115 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-
7 3115. (a) Subject to the other provisions of this section, a school term
8 during which public school shall be maintained in each school year by
9 each school district organized under the laws of this state *for students*
10 *attending kindergarten or any of the grades one through 12* shall consist of
11 not less than ~~186 school days for pupils attending kindergarten or any of~~
12 ~~the grades one through 11 and not less than 181 school days for pupils~~
13 ~~attending grade 12~~ *195 school days consisting of 8 school hours per day*
14 *or 156 school days consisting of 10 school hours per day. On or before*
15 *September 15 of each school year, the board of education of each school*
16 *district shall notify the state board of education of the school term that is*
17 *in effect in the school district.*

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

29 ~~(e)~~*(b)* Subject to a plan developed and adopted by the board of any
30 school district, the board may schedule the school days required for a
31 school term provided for under subsection (a); ~~or the school hours required~~
32 ~~for a school term provided for in a policy adopted under subsection (b);~~ on
33 a trimestral or quarterly basis. Each board of education ~~which that~~
34 develops and adopts a plan providing for the scheduling of the school days
35 ~~or school hours~~ of the school term on a trimestral or quarterly basis shall
36 submit the plan to the state board of education for approval prior to

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

4 ~~(d)~~(c) Subject to a policy developed and adopted by the board of any
 5 district as an adjunct to the district's disciplinary policy or as a part of the
 6 district's school improvement plan, the board may schedule school days in
 7 addition to the school days scheduled for a school term provided for under
 8 subsection (a), ~~or school hours in addition to the school hours scheduled~~
 9 ~~for a school term provided for in a policy adopted under subsection (b), or~~
 10 ~~both such additional school days and school hours~~ for pupils *students* who
 11 are in need of remedial education or who are subject to disciplinary
 12 measures imposed under the district's disciplinary policy. Any school day
 13 ~~or school hour~~ scheduled for a pupil *student* under a policy adopted under
 14 this subsection may be scheduled on weekends, before or after regular
 15 school hours, ~~and or~~ during the summer months. Inexcusable absence from
 16 school on any school day ~~or during any school hour~~ by any pupil *student*
 17 for whom additional school ~~days or school hours~~ have been scheduled
 18 under a policy adopted under this subsection shall be counted as an
 19 inexcusable absence from school for the purposes of K.S.A. 72-3121, and
 20 amendments thereto.

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

43 ~~(f)~~(e) The state board of education may waive the requirements of

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

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

12 ~~(h) Time reserved for staff development or inservice training~~
13 ~~programs for the purpose of improving staff skills, developing competency~~
14 ~~in new or highly specialized fields, improving instructional techniques, or~~
15 ~~curriculum planning and study may be considered part of the school term~~
16 ~~for an aggregate amount of time equal to the amount of time in excess of~~
17 ~~the school term which is scheduled by a board of education for similar~~
18 ~~activities.~~

19 ~~(i)(f)~~ Boards of education may employ noncertificated personnel to
20 supervise ~~pupils~~ *students* for noninstructional activities.

21 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 72-3115 is hereby repealed.

22 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
23 publication in the statute book.