

1 AN ACT relating to school district calendars and declaring an emergency.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. (1) For the 2024-2025 school year, a school district may revise its
4 school calendar under the requirements of this section.

5 (2) For purposes of this section, notwithstanding the requirement in KRS 158.070
6 that the student instructional year not be less than 170 student attendance days and any
7 other statute or administrative regulation to the contrary, students shall receive a
8 minimum of 1,062 instructional hours, less any waiver of instructional time provided in
9 accordance with KRS 158.070(3)(f) and 702 KAR 7:140.

10 (3) The commissioner of education shall grant up to the equivalent of five (5)
11 disaster relief student attendance days for school districts to provide instruction using
12 alternative settings when the school district is closed for health or safety reasons.

13 (4) Notwithstanding KRS 158.070(4)(b), a school district may reach the required
14 instructional hours required by adding time to student attendance days. A day shall not
15 exceed seven hours of instructional time unless the district submitted and received
16 approval from the commissioner of education for an innovative alternative calendar.

17 (5) If a local school district is unable to provide the required 1,062 hours of
18 instruction by June 4, 2025, the commissioner of education may waive up to five student
19 attendance days. The commissioner of education shall not waive instructional days for a
20 district that did not make up days by adding time to the student instructional day.
21 Notwithstanding any other statute or administrative regulation to the contrary, student
22 attendance days waived under this subsection shall be applied on a district-wide basis.

23 (6) If a local board of education seeks to revise its school calendar under this
24 section, the board shall submit a plan for approval to the Kentucky Department of
25 Education demonstrating how the required instructional hours will be completed.

26 (7) Notwithstanding any other statute, administrative regulation, or local board of
27 education policy to the contrary, each classified and certified employee of a local board

1 of education shall be considered to have completed one day of his or her employment
2 contract for each day made up in accordance with subsection (4) of this section and days
3 waived in accordance with subsection (5) of this section.

4 ➔Section 2. Whereas support and relief for school districts and the students
5 enrolled therein is imperative, an emergency is declared to exist, and this Act takes effect
6 upon its passage and approval by the Governor or upon its otherwise becoming a law.