



## **H.B. 289**

124th General Assembly  
(As Passed by the General Assembly)

- Reps.** Blasdel, Bocchieri, Hagan, Callender, DeWine, Barrett, Calvert, Carano, Distel, Fessler, Hartnett, Hoops, Kearns, Reidelbach, Reinhard, Seaver, Setzer, Stapleton, Webster, Fedor, Woodard, Williams, Schuring, Evans, Cates, Carmichael, Grendell, Flannery, Coates, Cirelli, Allen, Flowers, Latell, Seitz, Key, Collier, Young, Sulzer, Sferra, Wilson, Schaffer, Sullivan, Redfern, Schmidt, Womer Benjamin, Jones, Metzger, Roman, Jolivette, S. Smith, Oakar, Latta, D. Miller, Otterman, Lendrum, Widowfield, Salerno, Barnes, Strahorn, G. Smith
- Sens.** Robert Gardner, Harris, Mumper, Oelslager, Prentiss, Austria, Armbruster, DiDonato, Herington, Spada, Ryan, Hagan

**Effective date:** Emergency, June 29, 2001

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### **ACT SUMMARY**

- Permits payment of state aid in fiscal year 2002 to any school district that exceeded in fiscal year 2001 the number of calamity days otherwise permitted as a result of closing schools to prevent the spread of meningococcal disease (meningitis).

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### **CONTENT AND OPERATION**

Continuing law requires a minimum school year of essentially 182 days (including a total of four days for teacher preparation and reporting and parent conferences). A school district also may close a school without penalty for up to five additional days for various specified public calamities, which include: (1) disease epidemic, (2) hazardous weather conditions, (3) inoperability of school buses or other necessary equipment, (4) damage to a school building, or (5) other temporary circumstances because of a utility failure that renders a building unfit for use. In all, however, at least 173 days must be spent in classroom instruction. School funding law prohibits a school district from receiving state funds in any

fiscal year if it did not meet this minimum school year requirement for the preceding school year.<sup>1</sup>

The act provides for 2002 only that a school district may receive state funding if it had to close schools for an unspecified number of additional days in FY 2001 to prevent the spread of meningococcal disease (meningitis).

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## HISTORY

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 3313.48 and 3317.01 (neither section in the act).