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BILL SUMMARY

- Permits payment of state aid in fiscal year 2002 to any school district that exceeds 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).
- Declares an emergency.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Current 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: disease epidemic, hazardous weather conditions, inoperability of school buses or other necessary equipment, damage to a school building, or 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 currently 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.¹

¹ R.C. 3313.48 and 3317.01 (neither section in the bill).

The bill enacts a measure for 2002 only permitting a school district to 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).

HISTORY

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