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Bill Analysis

Legislative Service Commission

H.B. 289*

124th General Assembly
(As Reported by H. Education)

Rep. Blasdel, Bocchieri, Hagan

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

The bill enacts a measure for 2002 only permitting a school district board to receive state funding if it had to close schools for an unspecified number of

* *This analysis was prepared before the report of the House Education Committee appeared in the House Journal. Note that the list of co-sponsors and the legislative history may be incomplete.*

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

additional days in FY 2001 to prevent the spread of meningococcal disease (meningitis).

HISTORY

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