



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Conference Committee Synopsis

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The Conference Committee recommends the bill as passed by the Senate with the following changes:

Topic	House Version	Senate Version	Conference Committee Recommendation
<p>Additional waived calamity days for school districts, STEM schools, and chartered nonpublic schools</p>	<p>Requires the Department of Education to pay state operating funds to school districts and STEM schools that are open for instruction for two fewer days during the 2013-2014 school year than as required under the current minimum school year due to a public calamity.</p> <p>Requires the Department to consider a chartered nonpublic school in compliance with the minimum school year requirements, if the school during the 2013-2014 school year is open for instruction for two fewer days than otherwise</p>	<p>House version, but grants three additional calamity days that do not have to be made up (rather than two) as long as other conditions are met. See "Conditions" below.</p> <p>House version, but grants three additional calamity days that do not have to be made up (rather than two) as long as other conditions are met. See "Conditions" below.</p>	<p>Senate version, but grants four additional calamity days that do not have to be made up (rather than three) as long as the prescribed conditions are met.</p> <p>Senate version, but grants four additional calamity days that do not have to be made up (rather than three) as long as the prescribed conditions are met.</p>

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	<p>required due to a public calamity. (Section 733.10 of Am. Sub. H.B. 59 of the 130th General Assembly, amended in Sections 1 and 2.)</p> <p>No provision.</p>	<p>Conditions. Provides that, for a school district or school to be eligible for additional waived calamity days, the district or school must first (1) make up at least four days or invoke plans to make up at least four days as specified in its contingency plan or through other adjustments to the calendar and (2) the district board, school governing body, or school governing authority must affirm its intention to request the waiver of additional waived days in a resolution adopted in a regular or special meeting of the board, governing body, or governing authority. (Section 733.10 of Am. Sub. H.B. 59 of the 130th General Assembly, amended in Sections 1 and 2.)</p>	<p>Senate version. (Section 733.10 of Am. Sub. H.B. 59 of the 130th General Assembly, amended in Sections 1 and 2.)</p>
<p>Current law on calamity days for community schools</p>	<p>Expressly recognizes and maintains a current law provision requiring the Department of Education to waive the number of hours or days of learning opportunities</p>	<p>No provision.</p>	<p>Senate version.</p>

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	not offered to a student by a community school due to a public calamity, so long as the school provides the required minimum of 920 hours of learning opportunities to students during the school year. <i>(Section 3.)</i>		
Waiver of days for schools operated by a county board of developmental disabilities	No provision.	No provision.	For the 2013-2014 school year, authorizes the Superintendent of Public Instruction to waive compliance with the minimum school year requirement for a school operated by a county board of developmental disabilities. <i>(Section 8.)</i>
In-service training days	Permits school districts and schools to make up two unwaived calamity days for the 2013-2014 school year by holding up to two additional in-service training programs for teachers and nonteaching employees. <i>(Section 6.)</i>	House version, but permits one additional day (rather than two) that school districts and schools may use to make up unwaived calamity days by holding in-service training programs and specifies that the bill's additional day for in-service training may not count as one of the four days that must be made up in order to qualify for the bill's additional waived calamity days. <i>(Section 8.)</i>	No provision.
One-half hour increment make-up of calamity days	For the 2013-2014 school year, permits school districts and schools to make up unwaived	House version. <i>(Section 3.)</i>	House version, but (1) specifies that any instruction time added in half-hour increments to

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	calamity days by lengthening one or more other school days in half-hour increments. <i>(Section 4.)</i>		school days occurring on or after January 1, 2014, may count toward compliance with the minimum school year requirement, and (2) removes language stating that a school district, STEM school, or chartered nonpublic school may make up unwaived calamity days in added half-hour increments after applying the additional waived days. <i>(Section 3.)</i>
Contingency plans	No provision.	Permits school districts and schools to update their calamity day contingency plans for the 2013-2014 school year at any time during the school year and to include in their plans online lessons or paper lesson "blizzard bags" as a means to make up time the school was closed due to a public calamity. <i>(Sections 4(A) and 7.)</i>	Senate version.
Applications for online or "blizzard bag" make-ups	No provision.	Requires the Department to accept and consider applications for make-ups through online lessons and paper lesson "blizzard bags" for the 2013-2014 school year at any time after August 1, 2013. <i>(Section 4(B).)</i>	Senate version.

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Excusal of twelfth graders from attendance before or after graduation	No provision.	Permits, for the 2013-2014 school year, a school district to excuse graduating twelfth-grade students from attendance in school for any time that the student's schools are open for instruction after the scheduled graduation ceremony or culminating event, as a result of adding time to the school calendar to make up for missed time when the schools were closed for a public calamity in order to meet the minimum school year requirement. <i>(Section 5(A).)</i>	Senate version.
	No provision.	Permits, for the 2013-2014 school year, a school district to excuse twelfth-grade students from attendance in school for any school day prior to the district's scheduled graduation ceremony or culminating event, only in accordance with administrative rules on excused attendance, if the schools are closed to all students, or for a public calamity. <i>(Section 5(B).)</i>	Senate version.
Return of achievement assessment scores	Extends the deadline for the return of the elementary achievement assessments scores for the 2013-2014 school	House version, but extends to June 30 the date for fourth-, fifth-, sixth-, seventh-, and eighth-grade assessments.	Senate version.

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	year to June 16 for third-grade assessments and June 27 for fourth-, fifth-, sixth-, seventh-, and eighth-grade assessments. (Section 5.)	(Section 6.)	
Emergency clause	Declares an emergency. (Section 7.)	House version. (Section 9.)	House version. (Section 9.)

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