



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: Am. H.B. 416 of the 130th G.A. **Date:** January 31, 2014
Status: As Reported by House Education **Sponsor:** Reps. Burkley and Hill

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Authorizes up to four additional school "calamity" days in FY 2014, permits schools to make up days by lengthening remaining days, and declares an emergency

State Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on the state.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- The bill eliminates the expenditures school districts and STEM schools may otherwise incur in making up four days, in addition to the current five days, that they are closed due to public calamity.
- The bill also offers these schools the option of making up any days closed beyond the nine that are excused by lengthening the school day, which is likely a less costly alternative to adding full days.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill increases the number of days a district school, STEM school, or chartered nonpublic school may be closed due to public calamity without making up the lost instructional time from five to nine in FY 2014. Thus, the bill eliminates the expenditures these schools may otherwise incur in making up these additional four days. In addition, the bill permits these schools to make up any time lost beyond these nine days by lengthening the remaining instructional days in half hour increments instead of adding full days. Lengthening the school day in this manner is likely a lower cost alternative to adding full days, particularly in the areas of busing, food service, and utilities. School districts and STEM schools that do not meet the minimum school year requirements in any given year do not qualify for state operating funds in the next school year.

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