



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: [H.B. 416 of the 130th G.A.](#)

Date: January 29, 2014

Status: As Introduced

Sponsor: Reps. Burkley and Hill

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Authorizes payment in FY 2015 to school districts and STEM schools that exceed, by up to four days, the number of permitted "calamity" days in FY 2014 and declares an emergency

State Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on the state.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- Under the bill, school districts and STEM schools will not need to incur the cost of making up nine calamity days, instead of the current five, to still receive state operating fund payments from the Ohio Department of Education in FY 2015.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

Until July 1, 2014, current law requires a minimum school year of 182 days,¹ except that schools may be closed for up to five days due to public calamities such as hazardous weather, without making up any lost instructional time. In addition, each school is permitted to use up to four days for teacher preparation and reporting and parent conferences. Therefore, taking into account the excused closings, a school must be open for instruction for at least 173 days during the current school year. School districts and STEM schools that do not meet the minimum school year requirements for this school year will not qualify for state operating funds in the next school year. So, under current law, districts and STEM schools will need to incur the costs of making up any days they are closed due to public calamity beyond the five allowed days.

The bill specifies that no school district or STEM school be denied payments in FY 2015 solely because they were open for instruction for up to four days less than the 173 days required under current law in the current school year. In effect, districts and schools will have up to four additional, or up to nine total, calamity days in the current school year that they will not need to make up. Under the bill, districts and schools will still receive their payments from the Ohio Department of Education in FY 2015 as long as they are open for instruction for 169 days in the current school year. So, under the bill, they may be closed due to public calamity for up to nine days without incurring the costs of making up any of those days.

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¹ On July 1, 2014, the required school calendar will switch from a minimum number of days to a minimum number of hours.