

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 409

By: Pugh of the Senate

3 and

4 Caldwell (Chad) of the
5 House

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7 [length of the school year - amount appropriated -
8 effective date - emergency]

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11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

12 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 1-109, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 1-109. A. ~~For~~ Except as provided for in subsection L
15 of this section, for all public schools in Oklahoma, school shall
16 actually be in session and classroom instruction offered:

17 1. For not less than one hundred eighty (180) days; ~~or~~

18 2. For not less than one thousand eighty (1,080) hours each
19 school year, if a district board of education adopts a school-hours
20 policy and notifies the State Board of Education prior to October 15
21 of the applicable school year; ~~or~~

22 3. Beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, for not less than
23 one thousand eighty (1,080) hours with a minimum of one hundred
24 sixty-five (165) days of instruction each school year, if a district

1 board of education adopts a school-hours policy and notifies the
2 State Board of Education prior to October 15 of the applicable
3 school year; or

4 4. Beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, for not less than
5 one thousand eighty (1,080) hours each school year, if a district
6 board of education adopts a school-hours policy, notifies the State
7 Board of Education prior to October 15 of the applicable school
8 year, and meets the requirements established by the State Board of
9 Education pursuant to subsection H of this section.

10 B. A school district may not count more than thirty (30) hours
11 each school year that are used for attendance of professional
12 meetings toward the one hundred eighty (180) days or one thousand
13 eighty (1,080) hours of classroom instruction time required in
14 subsection A of this section.

15 C. Teachers off contract with an employing district shall not
16 be required by the employing school district to attend professional
17 meetings unless the teacher is paid additional compensation for the
18 additional time. Teachers may be paid additional compensation for
19 attending professional meetings in excess of their contract term.
20 Subject to district board of education policy or collective
21 bargaining agreement, additional paid professional days may be
22 granted for individual teachers to attend or participate in
23 professional meetings, staff development training, or National Board

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1 certification portfolio development as provided for in Section 6-
2 204.2 of this title.

3 D. A school district may authorize parent-teacher conferences
4 to be held during a regular school day. If authorized by the school
5 district, parent-teacher conferences shall be counted as classroom
6 instruction time for no more than six (6) hours per semester, for a
7 total of twelve (12) hours per school year.

8 E. A school district may maintain school for less than a full
9 school year only when conditions beyond the control of school
10 authorities make the maintenance of the term impossible and the
11 State Board of Education has been apprised and has expressed
12 concurrence in writing.

13 F. The State Board of Education shall establish criteria for an
14 extended-day schedule for schools subject to paragraph 1 of
15 subsection A of this section. The criteria shall:

16 1. Prescribe a lengthened school day within limits determined
17 not to be detrimental to quality instruction;

18 2. Ensure that the schedule is equivalent in annual hours of
19 instruction to the one-hundred-eighty-day school year specified in
20 paragraph 1 of subsection A of this section; and

21 3. Be consistent with the provisions of this section and
22 Sections 1-111 and 1-112 of this title, but may result in fewer
23 annual days of instruction.

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1 G. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection F of this
2 section, a school district board of education subject to paragraph 1
3 of subsection A of this section may adopt and implement an extended-
4 day schedule subject to the following requirements:

5 1. The annual number of hours of instruction shall equal or
6 exceed one thousand eighty (1,080) hours, which is the equivalent of
7 one hundred eighty (180) days of instruction as specified in
8 subsection A of this section for six (6) hours each day as specified
9 in Section 1-111 of this title;

10 2. The annual number of days of instruction shall equal or
11 exceed one hundred eighty (180) days as specified in subsection A of
12 this section;

13 3. The schedule adopted shall be consistent with the provisions
14 of Sections 1-111 and 1-112 of this title, except that for not more
15 than one (1) day per week, a school day shall consist of not less
16 than five (5) hours devoted to academic instruction in a regular
17 classroom setting;

18 4. The district shall hold a public hearing prior to the
19 adoption of an extended-day schedule authorized pursuant to this
20 subsection; and

21 5. The district shall document the impact on student
22 achievement as determined by the academic performance data score and
23 any other relevant factors that are a result of implementation of an
24 extended-day schedule authorized pursuant to this subsection and

1 provide an annual report to the State Board of Education of the
2 results. If improvement in student achievement cannot be documented
3 in the report, the district board of education shall revoke
4 authorization as provided by this subsection. If the district board
5 of education does not revoke authorization after student achievement
6 is not documented in the report, the State Board of Education may
7 deny accreditation of any school in violation of this subsection.

8 H. Beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, a school district
9 board of education may adopt a school-hours policy as provided for
10 by paragraph 4 of subsection A of this section only if it meets or
11 exceeds the minimum guidelines for student performance and school
12 district cost savings established by the State Board of Education.
13 The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules, subject to
14 approval by the Legislature, establishing the minimum guidelines for
15 student performance and school district cost savings.

16 I. If subject to paragraph 2 of subsection A of this section, a
17 district board of education or designee may elect to close a school
18 during the school day for inclement weather purposes. In such an
19 event, the number of hours incurred in classroom instruction time
20 prior to school closure shall be counted toward the one thousand
21 eighty (1,080) hours per year requirement.

22 J. Nothing in this section shall be construed as affecting the
23 right of an employing school district to require teachers as defined
24 in Section 6-101.3 of this title to work in excess of the one

1 thousand eighty (1,080) hours required for student instruction. In
2 addition, nothing in this section shall be construed to affect the
3 Fair Labor Standards Act status of any school district employee.

4 K. The provisions of this section shall not prohibit the
5 Oklahoma School for the Blind or the Oklahoma School for the Deaf
6 from adopting an alternative school-hours policy if the Oklahoma
7 School for the Blind or the Oklahoma School for the Deaf notifies
8 and receives approval from the State Board of Education prior to
9 October 15 of the applicable school year.

10 L. Beginning July 1, 2025, and at the beginning of each
11 succeeding state fiscal year, if the amount of money appropriated to
12 the State Board of Education for the financial support of public
13 schools in such fiscal year is at least Twenty-five Million Dollars
14 (\$25,000,000.00) greater than the amount of money appropriated to
15 the State Board of Education for the financial support of public
16 schools for the prior fiscal year, school districts in this state
17 shall be in session and classroom instruction shall be offered for
18 an additional day.

19 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2025.

20 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
21 of the public peace, health, or safety, an emergency is hereby
22 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
23 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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1 Passed the Senate the 17th day of March, 2025.

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4 Presiding Officer of the Senate

5 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
6 2025.

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