



1           Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 1011.60, Florida  
2 Statutes, is amended to read:

3           1011.60 Minimum requirements of the Florida Education  
4 Finance Program.--Each district which participates in the  
5 state appropriations for the Florida Education Finance Program  
6 shall provide evidence of its effort to maintain an adequate  
7 school program throughout the district and shall meet at least  
8 the following requirements:

9           (2) MINIMUM TERM AND OPENING DATE.--Operate all  
10 schools for a term of at least 180 actual teaching days or the  
11 equivalent on an hourly basis as specified by rules of the  
12 State Board of Education each school year provided that the  
13 opening date of the term shall be no earlier than 7 days  
14 before Labor Day each year. The State Board of Education may  
15 prescribe procedures for altering, and, upon written  
16 application, may alter, this requirement during a national,  
17 state, or local emergency as it may apply to an individual  
18 school or schools in any district or districts if, in the  
19 opinion of the board, it is not feasible to make up lost days,  
20 and the apportionment may, at the discretion of the  
21 Commissioner of Education and if the board determines that the  
22 reduction of school days is caused by the existence of a bona  
23 fide emergency, be reduced for such district or districts in  
24 proportion to the decrease in the length of term in any such  
25 school or schools. A strike, as defined in s. 447.203(6), by  
26 employees of the school district may not be considered an  
27 emergency.

28           Section 3. The amendments to ss. 1001.42(4)(f) and  
29 1011.60(2), Florida Statutes, made by this act shall apply to  
30 school years beginning with the 2007-2008 school year unless a  
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1 district school board decides to make such provisions  
2 applicable beginning with the 2006-2007 school year.

3 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.  
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5 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN  
6 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
7 Senate Bill 306

8 The committee substitute makes the school start date  
9 provisions effective beginning with the 2007-2008 school year  
10 unless a district school board decides to apply the start date  
11 provisions beginning with the 2006-2007 school year.  
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