

By Senator Saunders

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to the starting date for public schools;
3 amending s. 1001.42, F.S.; beginning in the 2008-2009
4 school year, prohibiting public schools from starting
5 instruction before August 15; providing an effective date.
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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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9 Section 1. Paragraph (f) of subsection (4) of section
10 1001.42, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

11 1001.42 Powers and duties of district school board.--The
12 district school board, acting as a board, shall exercise all
13 powers and perform all duties listed below:

14 (4) ESTABLISHMENT, ORGANIZATION, AND OPERATION OF
15 SCHOOLS.--Adopt and provide for the execution of plans for the
16 establishment, organization, and operation of the schools of the
17 district, including, but not limited to, the following:

18 (f) Opening and closing of schools; fixing uniform
19 date.--Adopt policies for the opening and closing of schools and
20 fix uniform dates; however, beginning with the 2008-2009 ~~2007-~~
21 ~~2008~~ school year, the opening date for schools in the district
22 may not be earlier than August 15 ~~14 days before Labor Day each~~
23 ~~year~~.

24 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.