

By Senator Montford

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the opening and closing of public  
3           schools; amending s. 1001.42, F.S.; authorizing a  
4           district school board to set an opening date for  
5           schools in the district to accommodate the completion  
6           of student classwork and assessments during the fall  
7           term; providing an effective date.  
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9   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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11           Section 1. Paragraph (f) of subsection (4) of section  
12   1001.42, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

13           1001.42 Powers and duties of district school board.—The  
14   district school board, acting as a board, shall exercise all  
15   powers and perform all duties listed below:

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

20           (f) *Opening and closing of schools; fixing uniform date.*—  
21   Adopt policies for the opening and closing of schools and fix  
22   uniform dates; however, ~~beginning with the 2007-2008 school~~  
23   ~~year,~~ the opening date for schools in the district may not be  
24   earlier than 14 days before Labor Day each year. Notwithstanding  
25   this paragraph, a district school board may advance the opening  
26   date for schools in the district by the number of days necessary  
27   to enable students to complete all classwork and assessments for  
28   fall-term courses 5 days before Christmas Day.

29           Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.