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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.