

By Senator Stargel

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to powers and duties of district
3 school boards; amending s. 1001.42, F.S.; authorizing
4 a district school board to set an opening date for
5 schools in the district to accommodate the completion
6 of student coursework and assessments during the fall
7 term; providing additional purposes for which an
8 internal auditor may be employed; providing an
9 effective date.

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11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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13 Section 1. Paragraph (f) of subsection (4) and paragraph
14 (1) of subsection (12) of section 1001.42, Florida Statutes, are
15 amended to read:

16 1001.42 Powers and duties of district school board.—The
17 district school board, acting as a board, shall exercise all
18 powers and perform all duties listed below:

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

23 (f) *Opening and closing of schools; fixing uniform date.*—
24 Adopt policies for the opening and closing of schools and fix
25 uniform dates; however, ~~beginning with the 2007-2008 school~~
26 ~~year,~~ the opening date for schools in the district may not be
27 earlier than 14 days before Labor Day each year, except that a
28 district school board may advance the opening date for schools
29 in the district by the number of days necessary to enable

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30 students to complete all coursework and assessments for fall-
31 term courses 5 days before Christmas Day.

32 (12) FINANCE.—Take steps to assure students adequate
33 educational facilities through the financial procedure
34 authorized in chapters 1010 and 1011 and as prescribed below:

35 (1) *Internal auditor.*—May employ an internal auditor to
36 perform ongoing financial verification of the financial records
37 of the school district and such other audits and reviews as the
38 district school board directs for the purpose of overseeing
39 school district resources and determining compliance with
40 applicable laws and district school board-approved policies,
41 procedures, and contracts. The internal auditor shall report
42 directly to the district school board or its designee.

43 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.