

By Senator Bullard

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to classroom instruction; creating s.
3 1003.291, F.S.; authorizing a district school board to
4 apply to the Commissioner of Education to provide at
5 least 200 days of instruction within a school year
6 under certain circumstances; increasing the annual
7 allocation for funding for a school district that is
8 approved for the additional days of instruction;
9 requiring the school district to ensure that the
10 school year ends before a specified date; providing an
11 effective date.

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

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15 Section 1. Section 1003.291, Florida Statutes, is created
16 to read:

17 1003.291 Extending the days for classroom instruction.—
18 Notwithstanding s. 1003.02(1)(g), a district school board may
19 apply to the Commissioner of Education to provide at least 200
20 days of classroom instruction within a fiscal year if the school
21 district obtains the commissioner's approval by November 1 of
22 the fiscal year that precedes the beginning of the school year
23 for which the school district is requesting approval. If the
24 district school board obtains the commissioner's approval, the
25 school district shall receive a 15 percent increase in its
26 annual allocation for funding for the fiscal year that is
27 approved for the additional days of instruction. The school
28 district shall ensure that the last day of instruction occurs
29 before June 30.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.