

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.; revising a
 4 requirement for the uniform opening date of public
 5 schools; amending s. 1003.621, F.S.; providing that
 6 academically high-performing school districts must
 7 comply with provisions relating to the uniform opening
 8 date of public schools; providing an effective date.

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

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 12 Section 1. Paragraph (f) of subsection (4) of section
 13 1001.42, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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

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

21 (f) Opening and closing of schools; fixing uniform date.—
 22 Adopt policies for the opening and closing of schools and fix
 23 uniform dates; however, beginning with the 2015-2016 ~~2007-2008~~
 24 school year, the opening date for schools in the district may
 25 not be earlier than 21 ~~14~~ days before Labor Day each year.

26 Section 2. Paragraph (k) of subsection (2) of section

27 | 1003.621, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph (l),
28 | and a new paragraph (k) is added to that subsection to read:

29 | 1003.621 Academically high-performing school districts.—It
30 | is the intent of the Legislature to recognize and reward school
31 | districts that demonstrate the ability to consistently maintain
32 | or improve their high-performing status. The purpose of this
33 | section is to provide high-performing school districts with
34 | flexibility in meeting the specific requirements in statute and
35 | rules of the State Board of Education.

36 | (2) COMPLIANCE WITH STATUTES AND RULES.—Each academically
37 | high-performing school district shall comply with all of the
38 | provisions in chapters 1000-1013, and rules of the State Board
39 | of Education which implement these provisions, pertaining to the
40 | following:

41 | (k) Section 1001.42(4)(f), relating to the uniform opening
42 | date for public schools.

43 | Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.