

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.; 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 SCHOOLS.—
18 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. Present paragraph (k) of subsection (2) of
27 section 1003.621, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph
28 (1), and a new paragraph (k) is added to that subsection, to
29 read:

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

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

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

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