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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
Comm: RCS	.	
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The Committee on Education Pre-K - 12 (Bradley) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

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

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

(4) ESTABLISHMENT, ORGANIZATION, AND OPERATION OF SCHOOLS.—



11 Adopt and provide for the execution of plans for the  
12 establishment, organization, and operation of the schools of the  
13 district, including, but not limited to, the following:

14 (f) *Opening and closing of schools; fixing uniform date;*  
15 *middle school and high school start times.*—Adopt policies for  
16 the opening and closing of schools, fix uniform dates, and  
17 middle school and high school start times.

18 1. The opening date for schools in the district may not be  
19 earlier than August 10 of each year.

20 2. ~~By July 1, 2026, the instructional day for middle~~  
21 ~~schools may not begin earlier than 8 a.m. and the instructional~~  
22 ~~day for high schools may not begin earlier than 8:30 a.m.~~ Each  
23 district school board must inform its community, including  
24 parents, students, teachers, school administrators, athletic  
25 coaches, and other stakeholders, about the health, safety, and  
26 academic impacts of sleep deprivation on middle school and high  
27 school students and consider the benefits of a later school  
28 start time when adopting middle school and high ~~and discuss~~  
29 ~~local strategies to successfully implement the later school~~  
30 start times.

31 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

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33 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

34 And the title is amended as follows:

35 Delete everything before the enacting clause  
36 and insert:

37 A bill to be entitled  
38 An act relating to middle school and high school start  
39 times; amending s. 1001.42, F.S.; deleting a



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40 requirement that middle schools and high schools start  
41 by specified times beginning in a certain year;  
42 requiring district school boards to consider certain  
43 benefits relating to school start times when adopting  
44 middle school and high school start times; providing  
45 an effective date.