

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 BILL NO. 409

By: Pugh of the Senate

3 and

4 Caldwell (Chad) of the  
House

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7 [ length of the school year - amount appropriated -  
effective date -  
8 emergency ]

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10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

11 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 1-109, is  
12 amended to read as follows:

13 Section 1-109. A. For Except as provided for in subsection L  
14 of this section, for all public schools in Oklahoma, school shall  
15 actually be in session and classroom instruction offered:

16 1. For not less than one hundred eighty (180) days; ~~or~~

17 2. For not less than one thousand eighty (1,080) hours each

18 school year, if a district board of education adopts a school-hours  
19 policy and notifies the State Board of Education prior to October 15  
20 of the applicable school year; ~~or~~

21 3. Beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, for not less than  
22 one thousand eighty (1,080) hours with a minimum of one hundred  
23 sixty-five (165) days of instruction each school year, if a district

1 board of education adopts a school-hours policy and notifies the  
2 State Board of Education prior to October 15 of the applicable  
3 school year; or

4       4. Beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, for not less than  
5 one thousand eighty (1,080) hours each school year, if a district  
6 board of education adopts a school-hours policy, notifies the State  
7 Board of Education prior to October 15 of the applicable school  
8 year, and meets the requirements established by the State Board of  
9 Education pursuant to subsection H of this section.

10      B. A school district may not count more than thirty (30) hours  
11 each school year that are used for attendance of professional  
12 meetings toward the one hundred eighty (180) days or one thousand  
13 eighty (1,080) hours of classroom instruction time required in  
14 subsection A of this section.

15      C. Teachers off contract with an employing district shall not  
16 be required by the employing school district to attend professional  
17 meetings unless the teacher is paid additional compensation for the  
18 additional time. Teachers may be paid additional compensation for  
19 attending professional meetings in excess of their contract term.

20 Subject to district board of education policy or collective  
21 bargaining agreement, additional paid professional days may be  
22 granted for individual teachers to attend or participate in  
23 professional meetings, staff development training, or National Board

1 certification portfolio development as provided for in Section 6-  
2 204.2 of this title.

3       D. A school district may authorize parent-teacher conferences  
4 to be held during a regular school day. If authorized by the school  
5 district, parent-teacher conferences shall be counted as classroom  
6 instruction time for no more than six (6) hours per semester, for a  
7 total of twelve (12) hours per school year.

8       E. A school district may maintain school for less than a full  
9 school year only when conditions beyond the control of school  
10 authorities make the maintenance of the term impossible and the  
11 State Board of Education has been apprised and has expressed  
12 concurrence in writing.

13       F. The State Board of Education shall establish criteria for an  
14 extended-day schedule for schools subject to paragraph 1 of  
15 subsection A of this section. The criteria shall:

16           1. Prescribe a lengthened school day within limits determined  
17 not to be detrimental to quality instruction;

18           2. Ensure that the schedule is equivalent in annual hours of  
19 instruction to the one-hundred-eighty-day school year specified in  
20 paragraph 1 of subsection A of this section; and

21           3. Be consistent with the provisions of this section and  
22 Sections 1-111 and 1-112 of this title, but may result in fewer  
23 annual days of instruction.

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1       G. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection F of this  
2 section, a school district board of education subject to paragraph 1  
3 of subsection A of this section may adopt and implement an extended-  
4 day schedule subject to the following requirements:

5       1. The annual number of hours of instruction shall equal or  
6 exceed one thousand eighty (1,080) hours, which is the equivalent of  
7 one hundred eighty (180) days of instruction as specified in  
8 subsection A of this section for six (6) hours each day as specified  
9 in Section 1-111 of this title;

10      2. The annual number of days of instruction shall equal or  
11 exceed one hundred eighty (180) days as specified in subsection A of  
12 this section;

13      3. The schedule adopted shall be consistent with the provisions  
14 of Sections 1-111 and 1-112 of this title, except that for not more  
15 than one (1) day per week, a school day shall consist of not less  
16 than five (5) hours devoted to academic instruction in a regular  
17 classroom setting;

18      4. The district shall hold a public hearing prior to the  
19 adoption of an extended-day schedule authorized pursuant to this  
20 subsection; and

21      5. The district shall document the impact on student  
22 achievement as determined by the academic performance data score and  
23 any other relevant factors that are a result of implementation of an  
24 extended-day schedule authorized pursuant to this subsection and

1 provide an annual report to the State Board of Education of the  
2 results. If improvement in student achievement cannot be documented  
3 in the report, the district board of education shall revoke  
4 authorization as provided by this subsection. If the district board  
5 of education does not revoke authorization after student achievement  
6 is not documented in the report, the State Board of Education may  
7 deny accreditation of any school in violation of this subsection.

8 H. Beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, a school district  
9 board of education may adopt a school-hours policy as provided for  
10 by paragraph 4 of subsection A of this section only if it meets or  
11 exceeds the minimum guidelines for student performance and school  
12 district cost savings established by the State Board of Education.  
13 The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules, subject to  
14 approval by the Legislature, establishing the minimum guidelines for  
15 student performance and school district cost savings.

16 I. If subject to paragraph 2 of subsection A of this section, a  
17 district board of education or designee may elect to close a school  
18 during the school day for inclement weather purposes. In such an  
19 event, the number of hours incurred in classroom instruction time  
20 prior to school closure shall be counted toward the one thousand  
21 eighty (1,080) hours per year requirement.

22 J. Nothing in this section shall be construed as affecting the  
23 right of an employing school district to require teachers as defined  
24 in Section 6-101.3 of this title to work in excess of the one

1 thousand eighty (1,080) hours required for student instruction. In  
2 addition, nothing in this section shall be construed to affect the  
3 Fair Labor Standards Act status of any school district employee.

4       K. The provisions of this section shall not prohibit the  
5 Oklahoma School for the Blind or the Oklahoma School for the Deaf  
6 from adopting an alternative school-hours policy if the Oklahoma  
7 School for the Blind or the Oklahoma School for the Deaf notifies  
8 and receives approval from the State Board of Education prior to  
9 October 15 of the applicable school year.

10       L. Beginning July 1, 2025, and at the beginning of each  
11       succeeding state fiscal year, if the amount of money appropriated to  
12       the State Board of Education for the financial support of public  
13       schools in such fiscal year is at least Twenty-five Million Dollars  
14       (\$25,000,000.00) greater than the amount of money appropriated to  
15       the State Board of Education for the financial support of public  
16       schools for the prior fiscal year, school districts in this state  
17       shall be in session and classroom instruction shall be offered for  
18       an additional day.

19       SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2025.

20       SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
21       of the public peace, health, or safety, an emergency is hereby  
22       declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
23       be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the Senate the 17th day of March, 2025.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
2025.

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