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93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR GOODMAN.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To repeal section 171.031, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to a standardized opening date for all public schools.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 171.031, RSMo, is repealed and one new section
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 171.031, to read as follows:

171.031. 1. Each school board shall prepare annually a calendar for the
2 school term, specifying the opening date and providing a minimum term of at
3 least one hundred seventy-four days and one thousand forty-four hours of actual
4 pupil attendance.

5 2. **Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3 of this section**
6 **and in school districts in which schools are in session for twelve**
7 **months of each calendar year, the opening date for all public schools**
8 **shall not be earlier than the Friday prior to the last Monday in August.**

9 3. **Upon submission of a petition signed by a number of qualified**
10 **voters in the school district equal to at least five percent of the**
11 **qualified voters in the school district voting in the last gubernatorial**
12 **election, the voters of a school district may petition for an earlier**
13 **opening date than specified in subsection 2 of this section. The**
14 **question shall be submitted at the next date available to the school**
15 **district for elections. If a majority of the votes cast on the question by**
16 **the qualified voters voting thereon are in favor of the question, the**
17 **specified opening date shall be applicable in the first succeeding and**
18 **each subsequent school year. If a majority of the votes cast on the**
19 **question by the qualified voters voting thereon are opposed to the**
20 **question, the opening date shall not be earlier than the date specified**

21 **in subsection 2 of this section.**

22 4. No school day shall be longer than seven hours except for vocational
23 schools which may adopt an eight-hour day in a metropolitan school district and
24 a school district in a first class county adjacent to a city not within a county.

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