

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0027

School year-required contact days.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Gingery and McOmie and
Senator(s) Coe

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to education; modifying the minimum school
2 year as specified; and providing for an effective date.

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4 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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6 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-2-304(b)(viii) and 21-4-301 are
7 amended to read:

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9 **21-2-304. Duties of the state board of education.**

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11 (b) In addition to subsection (a) of this section and
12 any other duties assigned to it by law, the state board
13 shall:

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15 (viii) Approve or disapprove alternative
16 scheduling for school districts requesting to operate for

1 fewer than ~~one hundred seventy five (175)~~ one hundred
2 eighty (180) days in school year, but no schedule shall be
3 approved which reduces the pupil-teacher contact time
4 defined by the state board;

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6 **21-4-301. Schools to be free and accessible to all**
7 **children; minimum school year.**

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9 Except as otherwise provided by law, the public schools of
10 each school district in the state shall at all times be
11 equally free and accessible to all children resident
12 therein of five (5) years of age as of September 15 of the
13 applicable school year and under the age of twenty-one
14 (21), subject to regulations of the board of trustees. Each
15 school district shall operate its schools and its classes
16 for a minimum of ~~one hundred seventy five (175)~~ one hundred
17 eighty (180) days each school year unless an alternative
18 schedule has been approved by the state board. Prior to
19 submission of a proposed alternative schedule to the state
20 board, the board of trustees shall hold at least two (2)
21 advertised public meetings within the district, at which
22 the board shall present the proposed alternative schedule
23 and respond to public questions and comments. Any school
24 district operating under an alternative schedule shall

1 annually evaluate the effectiveness of that schedule in
2 meeting the educational goals and purposes for which the
3 schedule was adopted.

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5 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2011.

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7 (END)