

Legislative Analysis



ELIMINATE REQUIREMENT FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO START SCHOOL YEAR AFTER LABOR DAY

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House Bill 4671 as introduced
Sponsor: Rep. Matt Koleszar
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 4673 would amend section 1284a of the Revised School Code to remove references to a requirement that schools not begin their school year prior to Labor Day unless they apply for and receive a waiver from the state superintendent or they were operating on a year-round schedule or operating an international baccalaureate program as of September 29, 2005.

The bill would also repeal section 1284b of the Revised School Code, which contains the prohibition on schools starting their academic year prior to Labor Day (the first Monday in September), and section 160 of the State School Aid Act, which requires school districts and intermediate school districts to use a portion of their state aid dollars to hold a public hearing if applying for a waiver to the Labor Day start date provision. The Labor Day provision took effect in 2006.¹

MCL 380.1284a (amended) and MCL 380.1284b and 388.1760 (repealed)

The bill would take effect 90 days after being enacted.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the state and may decrease costs for certain districts, intermediate school districts (ISDs), and public school academies (PSAs) that plan to begin the school year before Labor Day. Section 160 of the School Aid Act requires districts, ISDs, and PSAs to pay for the cost of conducting a public hearing when applying for a waiver under section 1284b of the Revised School Code. The bill would repeal these sections and eliminate the requirement for a public hearing and therefore any costs associated with the hearing.

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¹ <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2006-HB-5977>