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Overview

Requires a school board's annual calendar, beginning in fiscal year 2009, to include at least 180 days of student instruction and at least 20 noninstructional days; repeals the statutory section prohibiting school districts from beginning the school year before Labor Day.

Section

1 Length of the school year; days of instruction. (a) Requires a school board's annual calendar, through the 2008 fiscal year, to at least equal the number of days of student instruction the board adopted for the 1996-1997 school year.

> (b) Requires a school board's annual calendar, in fiscal year 2009, to include at least 180 days of student instruction and at least 20 noninstructional days devoted to parent-teacher conferences, teacher workshops and other staff development activities.

- 2 **Repealer.** Repeals the statutory section (Minn. Stat. § 120B.40) prohibiting school districts from beginning the school year before Labor Day for fiscal year 2009 and later.