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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

**Current statute (Minn. Stat. § 120A.40) prohibits a school district from starting the school year before Labor Day unless a specific exception applies. In past sessions, legislators have introduced bills on this topic, seeking either a temporary moratorium or outright repeal of the prohibition, arguing that local school districts should have the discretion to decide when school starts. Representatives of the state's resort industry and other commercial interests have sought to retain the prohibition, arguing the importance of the date in terms of accommodating state and regional tourism interests and needs. This bill proposes to repeal the prohibition against starting the school year before Labor Day.**

#### Section

- 1 Repealer.** Repeals the statutory prohibition against starting the school year before Labor Day.

Makes this section effective for the 2009-2020 school year and later.