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Overview

Allows flexible learning year programs to be authorized and terminated without the commissioner of education's approval or involvement.

Section

- 1 **Length of the school year.** Authorizes the board of a school district, instead of the commissioner of education, to approve a four-day week school calendar.
- 2 **Definition of flexible learning year calendar.** Amends the definition of "flexible learning year program" by removing the requirement that the education commissioner approve a district's flexible learning year program plan.
- 3 **Establishment of flexible learning year program.** Strikes the requirement that the education commissioner approve a flexible learning year program operated by a district or consortium of districts.
- 4 **Powers and duties.** Strikes the requirement that the education commissioner promulgate rules for operating flexible learning year programs. Removes the requirement that flexible learning year programs comply with the commissioner's standards and qualifications and the program submitted to the commissioner for approval.
- 5 **Termination of flexible learning year program.** Allows a school board to terminate without commissioner approval a flexible learning year program in a day or residential facility for children with disabilities within the district.

Section

- 6** **Repealer.** Repeals the rule (3500.1000) allowing a school district to request approval from the education commissioner for an experimental program of study, a four-day school week, or a flexible school year program.