

Subject Four-day School Week Schedules

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Overview

Under current law, a school district that wishes to implement a four-day school week schedule must seek approval from the commissioner of education. This bill removes the commissioner's authority, and allows a school board to implement the change without applying to the commissioner.

Summary

Section	Description
1	Length of school year; hours of instruction. Eliminates the commissioner's authority to approve a school board's four-day week schedule.
2	Purpose of flexible learning year programs. Strikes language relating to the commissioner's approval of a district's four-day week schedule.
3	Definition of flexible learning year program. Includes a four-day school week schedule approved by a school board in the definition of a "flexible learning year program."
4	Establishment of flexible learning year program. Allows a school board to adopt a four-day school week schedule without seeking commissioner approval as long as the calendar meets the hours of instruction requirements in Minnesota Statutes, section 120A.41.
5	Termination of flexible learning year program. Allows a school board to terminate a four-day school week schedule plan without seeking commissioner approval.

Section	Description
6	<p data-bbox="316 262 1429 294">Four-day school week; rule amendment.</p> <p data-bbox="316 304 1429 459">Requires the commissioner to amend the administrative rule relating to four-day weeks to remove the commissioner’s authority over approving or disapproving four-day school week programs. Allows the commissioner to use an expedited rulemaking process.</p>



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