

*Approved*

FILED FEB 26 1988

SENATE FILE 2234  
BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

*(formerly 55B 2205)*

Passed Senate, Date 3/25/88 (p. 942)

Passed House, Date 4/6/88 (p. 1440)

Vote: Ayes 37 Nays 7

Vote: Ayes 87 Nays 7

Approved April 14, 1988

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the starting date for schools.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10
- 11
- 12
- 13
- 14
- 15
- 16
- 17
- 18
- 19
- 20
- 21
- 22
- 23
- 24
- 25

SF 2234

1 Section 1. Section 279.10, subsections 1 and 4, Code 1987,  
2 are amended to read as follows:

3 1. The school year shall begin on the first day of July  
4 and each regularly established elementary and secondary school  
5 shall begin no sooner than a day during the calendar week in  
6 which the first day of September falls and shall continue for  
7 at least one hundred eighty days, except as provided in  
8 subsection 3, and may be maintained during the entire calendar  
9 year. A school corporation may begin employment of personnel  
10 for in-service training and development purposes before the  
11 date to begin elementary and secondary school.

12 4. The director of the department of education may grant a  
13 request made by a board of directors of a school district  
14 stating its desire to commence classes for regularly  
15 established elementary and secondary schools ~~before-the-first~~  
16 ~~day-of-September~~ prior to the starting date specified in  
17 subsection 1. A request shall be based upon the determination  
18 that a starting date on or after the ~~first-day-of-September~~  
19 starting date specified in subsection 1 would have a  
20 significant negative educational impact.

21 Sec. 2. Section 299.1, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 1987,  
22 is amended to read as follows:

23 A person having control of a child over seven and under  
24 sixteen years of age, in proper physical and mental condition  
25 to attend school, shall cause the child to attend some public  
26 school for at least one hundred twenty days in each school  
27 year, commencing no sooner than a day during the calendar week  
28 in which the first day of September falls, unless the board of  
29 school directors establishes a later date, which date shall  
30 not be later than the first Monday in December.

31 EXPLANATION

32 This bill requires a school to begin its school year no  
33 sooner than a day during the week of September first.

34 SUCCESSOR TO SSB 2205 (LSB 8274SC)

35

SENATE FILE 2234

S-5285

1 Amend Senate File 2234 as follows:

2 1. Page 1, by inserting after line 30 the fol-  
3 lowing:

4 "Sec. \_\_\_\_ . STANDARDIZED SCHOOL CALENDAR STUDY.

5 It is the intent of the general assembly to have  
6 regional standardized school calendars in effect by  
7 the ~~1991-1992~~ school year. The districts shall  
8 furnish information relating to their current  
9 calendars and projected calendar requirements to the  
10 department of education. The department of education  
11 shall organize a committee to study the issues  
12 involved in regional, standardized school calendars  
13 and in moving to statewide school calendars. The  
14 committee shall report to the department of education  
15 and the department shall make recommendations to the  
16 general assembly by January 1, 1990. The committee  
17 shall include, but is not limited to, representatives  
18 from the following organizations:

19 1. The public television and telecommunication  
20 commission.

21 2. The merged area schools.

22 3. The area education agency media directors.

23 4. The area education agency superintendents.

24 5. The school district superintendents.

25 6. The school boards.

26 7. Teacher organizations.

27 8. The southwest Iowa project.

28 9. The board of regents.

29 The committee recommendations shall be based at  
30 least in part on the eventual widespread use of  
31 telecommunications and technology for the  
32 dissemination of school curricula."

33 2. Title page, line 1, by inserting after the  
34 word "date" the following: "and the calendar".

35 3. By renumbering as necessary.

S-5285

Filed March 9, 1988

*Adopted 3/24/88*

BY LARRY MURPHY  
JIM LIND  
DALE TIEDEN  
WALLY HORN

SENATE FILE 2234

S-5430

1 Amend Senate File 2234 as follows:

2 1. Page 1, by striking lines 5 through 7 and  
3 inserting the following: "shall begin no-sooner-than  
4 the day after the first day Monday of September and  
5 ~~shall continue for at least one hundred eighty days~~  
6 until, but not including, the last Monday in May,  
7 except as provided in".

S-5430

Filed March 17, 1988

BY JIM LIND

*Line 2/24 (p. 215)*



1 Section 1. Section 279.10, subsections 1 and 4, Code 1987,  
2 are amended to read as follows:

3 1. The school year shall begin on the first day of July  
4 and each regularly established elementary and secondary school  
5 shall begin no sooner than a day during the calendar week in  
6 which the first day of September falls and shall continue for  
7 at least one hundred eighty days, except as provided in  
8 subsection 3, and may be maintained during the entire calendar  
9 year. A school corporation may begin employment of personnel  
10 for in-service training and development purposes before the  
11 date to begin elementary and secondary school.

12 4. The director of the department of education may grant a  
13 request made by a board of directors of a school district  
14 stating its desire to commence classes for regularly  
15 established elementary and secondary schools ~~before the first~~  
16 ~~day of September~~ prior to the starting date specified in  
17 subsection 1. A request shall be based upon the determination  
18 that a starting date on or after the ~~first-day-of-September~~  
19 ~~starting date specified in subsection 1~~ would have a  
20 significant negative educational impact.

21 Sec. 2. Section 299.1, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 1987,  
22 is amended to read as follows:

23 A person having control of a child over seven and under  
24 sixteen years of age, in proper physical and mental condition  
25 to attend school, shall cause the child to attend some public  
26 school for at least one hundred twenty days in each school  
27 year, commencing no sooner than a day during the calendar week  
28 in which the first day of September falls, unless the board of  
29 school directors establishes a later date, which date shall  
30 not be later than the first Monday in December.

31 Sec. 3. STANDARDIZED SCHOOL CALENDAR STUDY.

32 It is the intent of the general assembly to have regional  
33 standardized school calendars in effect by the 1991-1992  
34 school year. The districts shall furnish information relating  
35 to their current calendars and projected calendar requirements

1 to the department of education. The department of education  
2 shall organize a committee to study the issues involved in  
3 regional, standardized school calendars and in moving to  
4 statewide school calendars. The committee shall report to the  
5 department of education and the department shall make  
6 recommendations to the general assembly by January 1, 1990.

7 The committee shall include, but is not limited to,  
8 representatives from the following organizations:

- 9 1. The public television and telecommunication commission.
- 10 2. The merged area schools.
- 11 3. The area education agency media directors.
- 12 4. The area education agency superintendents.
- 13 5. The school district superintendents.
- 14 6. The school boards.
- 15 7. Teacher organizations.
- 16 8. The southwest Iowa project.
- 17 9. The board of regents.

18 The committee recommendations shall be based at least in  
19 part on the eventual widespread use of telecommunications and  
20 technology for the dissemination of school curricula.

21 SUCCESSOR TO SSB 2205 (LSB 8274SC)

22  
23  
24  
25  
26  
27  
28  
29  
30  
31  
32  
33  
34  
35

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO  
SENATE FILE 2234

S-5861

1 Amend Senate File 2234, as amended, passed, and re-  
2 printed by the Senate, as follows:

3 1. Page 2, by inserting after line 20 the follow-  
4 ing:

5 "Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. 442.26A AID REDUCTION FOR  
6 EARLY SCHOOL STARTS.

7 State aid payments made pursuant to section 442.26  
8 for a fiscal year shall be reduced by one one-hundred-  
9 eightieth for each day of that fiscal year for which  
10 the school district begins school before the earliest  
11 starting date specified in section 279.10, subsection  
12 1. However, this section does not apply to a school  
13 district that has received approval from the director  
14 of the department of education under section 279.10,  
15 subsection 4, to commence classes for regularly  
16 established elementary and secondary schools in  
17 advance of the starting date established in section  
18 279.10, subsection 1."

19 2. Title page, line 2, by inserting after the  
20 word "schools" the following: "and providing a  
21 penalty".

22 3. By renumbering as necessary.

S-5861

Filed April 8, 1988

RECEIVED FROM THE HOUSE

*Senate concurred 4/12 (p 1445)*

SSB 2205  
Education *now*

SSB 2205

COMMITTEE ON Education, Chair: Murphy and Wells

SENATE FILE 2234  
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
EDUCATION BILL)

Passed Senate, Date \_\_\_\_\_ Passed House, Date \_\_\_\_\_

Vote: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the starting date for schools.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10
- 11
- 12
- 13
- 14
- 15
- 16
- 17
- 18
- 19
- 20
- 21
- 22
- 23
- 24

1 Section 1. Section 279.10, subsections 1 and 4, Code 1987,  
2 are amended to read as follows:

3 1. The school year shall begin on the first day of July  
4 and each regularly established elementary and secondary school  
5 shall begin no sooner than a day during the calendar week in  
6 which the first day of September falls and shall continue for  
7 at least one hundred eighty days, except as provided in  
8 subsection 3, and may be maintained during the entire calendar  
9 year. A school corporation may begin employment of personnel  
10 for in-service training and development purposes before the  
11 date to begin elementary and secondary school.

12 4. The director of the department of education may grant a  
13 request made by a board of directors of a school district  
14 stating its desire to commence classes for regularly  
15 established elementary and secondary schools ~~before-the-first~~  
16 ~~day-of-September~~ prior to the starting date specified in  
17 subsection 1. A request shall be based upon the determination  
18 that a starting date on or after the ~~first-day-of-September~~  
19 ~~starting date specified in subsection 1~~ would have a  
20 significant negative educational impact.

21 Sec. 2. Section 299.1, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 1987,  
22 is amended to read as follows:

23 A person having control of a child over seven and under  
24 sixteen years of age, in proper physical and mental condition  
25 to attend school, shall cause the child to attend some public  
26 school for at least one hundred twenty days in each school  
27 year, commencing no sooner than a day during the calendar week  
28 in which the first day of September falls, unless the board of  
29 school directors establishes a later date, which date shall  
30 not be later than the first Monday in December.

31

EXPLANATION

32 This bill requires a school to begin its school year no  
33 sooner than a day during the week of September first.

34

35

SENATE FILE 2234

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE STARTING DATE AND THE CALENDAR FOR SCHOOLS  
AND PROVIDING A PENALTY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. Section 279.10, subsections 1 and 4, Code 1987, are amended to read as follows:

1. The school year shall begin on the first day of July and each regularly established elementary and secondary school shall begin no sooner than a day during the calendar week in which the first day of September falls and shall continue for at least one hundred eighty days, except as provided in subsection 3, and may be maintained during the entire calendar year. A school corporation may begin employment of personnel for in-service training and development purposes before the date to begin elementary and secondary school.

4. The director of the department of education may grant a request made by a board of directors of a school district stating its desire to commence classes for regularly established elementary and secondary schools before the first day of September prior to the starting date specified in subsection 1. A request shall be based upon the determination that a starting date on or after the first day of September starting date specified in subsection 1 would have a significant negative educational impact.

Sec. 2. Section 299.1, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 1987, is amended to read as follows:

A person having control of a child over seven and under sixteen years of age, in proper physical and mental condition to attend school, shall cause the child to attend some public school for at least one hundred twenty days in each school year, commencing no sooner than a day during the calendar week

in which the first day of September falls, unless the board of school directors establishes a later date, which date shall not be later than the first Monday in December.

Sec. 3. STANDARDIZED SCHOOL CALENDAR STUDY. It is the intent of the general assembly to have regional standardized school calendars in effect by the 1991-1992 school year. The districts shall furnish information relating to their current calendars and projected calendar requirements to the department of education. The department of education shall organize a committee to study the issues involved in regional, standardized school calendars and in moving to statewide school calendars. The committee shall report to the department of education and the department shall make recommendations to the general assembly by January 1, 1990. The committee shall include, but is not limited to, representatives from the following organizations:

1. The public television and telecommunication commission.
2. The merged area schools.
3. The area education agency media directors.
4. The area education agency superintendents.
5. The school district superintendents.
6. The school boards.
7. Teacher organizations.
8. The southwest Iowa project.
9. The board of regents.

The committee recommendations shall be based at least in part on the eventual widespread use of telecommunications and technology for the dissemination of school curricula.

Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. 442.26A AID REDUCTION FOR EARLY SCHOOL STARTS.

State aid payments made pursuant to section 442.26 for a fiscal year shall be reduced by one one-hundred-eightieth for each day of that fiscal year for which the school district begins school before the earliest starting date specified in section 279.10, subsection 1. However, this section does not

apply to a school district that has received approval from the director of the department of education under section 279.10, subsection 4, to commence classes for regularly established elementary and secondary schools in advance of the starting date established in section 279.10, subsection 1.

---

JO ANN ZIMMERMAN  
President of the Senate

---

DONALD D. AVENSON  
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and is known as Senate File 2234, Seventy-second General Assembly.

---

JOHN F. DWYER  
Secretary of the Senate

Approved April 14, 1988

---

TERRY E. BRANSTAD  
Governor