

# House Amendment 8565

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1 1 Amend Senate File 2272, as amended, passed, and  
1 2 reprinted by the Senate, as follows:  
1 3 #1. Page 4, by striking lines 4 through 17.  
1 4 #2. By striking page 10, line 31, through page 11,  
1 5 line 17, and inserting the following:  
1 6 <1. The school year shall begin on the first day  
1 7 of July and each regularly established elementary and  
1 8 secondary school shall begin no sooner than a day  
1 9 during the calendar week in which the first day of  
1 10 September falls but no later than the first Monday in  
1 11 December. However, if the first day of September  
1 12 falls on a Sunday, school may begin on a day during  
1 13 the calendar week which immediately precedes the first  
1 14 day of September. School shall continue for at least  
1 15 one hundred eighty days, except as provided in  
1 16 subsection 3, and may be maintained during the entire  
1 17 calendar year. However, if the board of directors of  
1 18 a district extends the school calendar because  
1 19 inclement weather caused the district to temporarily  
1 20 close school during the regular school calendar, the  
1 21 district may excuse a graduating senior who has met  
1 22 district or school requirements for graduation from  
1 23 attendance during the extended school calendar. A  
1 24 school corporation may begin employment of personnel  
1 25 for in-service training and development purposes  
1 26 before the date to begin elementary and secondary  
1 27 school. This subsection does not prohibit a school  
board from holding athletic contests or practices  
before the school start date or scheduling in-service  
training or contract days for career development  
before the school start date.>

1 32 #3. Page 11, line 22, by inserting after the word  
1 33 <subsection> the following: <and inserting in lieu  
1 34 thereof the following:  
1 35 4. a. The board of directors of a school district  
1 36 may commence its school calendar prior to the school  
1 37 start date set forth in subsection 1 if it submits a  
1 38 written request to the department of education for an  
1 39 earlier school calendar start date and the department  
1 40 determines there are extraordinary reasons for  
1 41 granting the request. The department may grant the  
1 42 request upon written findings based on consideration  
1 43 of the following factors:  
1 44 (1) The request was adopted as a written  
1 45 resolution by the board of directors of the school  
1 46 district at an open school board meeting.  
1 47 (2) The request sets forth the reasons and other  
1 48 relevant facts relating to the request for an earlier  
1 49 school start date, including but not limited to the  
1 50 extraordinary event, or chronology of events, leading  
2 1 to the request, and when the event or events occurred.  
2 2 b. For purposes of this subsection, "extraordinary  
2 3 reasons" includes any of the following:  
2 4 (1) Major construction projects that cause the  
2 5 school calendar to be altered and which necessitate an  
2 6 earlier school start date for the entire school  
2 7 district.  
2 8 (2) Closure of school due to forces of nature,  
2 9 code violations, or environmental orders.  
2 10 (3) The majority of the students enrolled in grade  
2 11 twelve in the school district are also enrolled in  
2 12 three or more credit hours offered by a community  
2 13 college established pursuant to chapter 260C or an  
2 14 institution of higher education governed by the state  
2 15 board of regents.  
2 16 c. The approved request shall not continue in  
2 17 effect for a period of time exceeding one school year  
2 18 unless a new request is filed according to the  
2 19 requirements of this subsection. The department shall  
2 20 retain its written findings and copies shall be  
2 21 available to the public upon request. The department  
2 22 shall annually prepare a report of the requests  
2 23 approved or denied, shall detail the extent to which  
2 24 the approval of a request has established precedent

2 25 for other requests, and shall submit the report to the  
2 26 chairpersons and ranking members of the senate and  
2 27 house of representatives standing education committees  
2 28 by January 15.>  
2 29 #4. Page 22, by striking lines 10 through 12 and  
2 30 inserting the following:  
2 31 <Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. EFFECTIVE DATE. The section of this  
2 32 Act amending section 279.10 takes effect July 1, 2007,  
2 33 and applies to the 2007=2008 school year.>  
2 34 #5. By renumbering as necessary.  
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