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 1    Amend Senate File 2288 as follows:
 2    1.  Page 5, after line 27 by inserting:
 3    <Sec. ___.  Section 257.17, Code 2009, is amended to
 4 read as follows:
 5    257.17  Aid reduction for early school starts.
 6    State aid payments made pursuant to section
 7 257.16 for a fiscal year shall be reduced by one
 8 one-hundred-eightieth for each day of that fiscal year
 9 for which the school district begins school before the
10 earliest starting date specified in section 279.10,
11 subsection 1.  However, this section does not apply to
12 a school district that has received approval from the
13 director of the department of education under section
14 279.10, subsection 4, to commence classes for regularly
15 established elementary and secondary schools in
16 advance of the starting date established in for a pilot
17 program for an innovative school year in accordance
18 with section 279.10, subsection 1 3.>
19    2.  Page 8, after line 25 by inserting:
20    <Sec. ___.  Section 279.10, subsections 1 and 2,
21 Code 2009, are amended to read as follows:
22    1.  The school year shall begin on the first day
23 of July and each regularly established elementary
24 and secondary school shall begin no sooner than a day
25 during the calendar week in which the first day of
26 September falls the fourth Monday in August but no
27 later than the first Monday in December.  However, if
28 the first day of September falls on a Sunday, school
29 may begin on a day during the calendar week which
30 immediately precedes the first day of September unless
31 the school district has received approval from the
32 department of education for a pilot program for an
33 innovative school year in accordance with subsection 3.
34 School shall continue for at least one hundred eighty
35 days, except as provided in subsection 3, and may be
36 maintained during the entire calendar year.  However,
37 if the board of directors of a district extends the
38 school calendar because inclement weather caused the
39 district to temporarily close school during the regular
40 school calendar, the district may excuse a graduating
41 senior who has met district or school requirements for
42 graduation from attendance during the extended school
43 calendar.  A school corporation may begin employment
44 of personnel for in-service training and development
45 purposes before the date to begin elementary and
46 secondary school.  The earliest starting date specified
47 in this subsection shall not apply to a school district
48 which maintains a year around three semester school
49 year.
50    2.  The board of directors shall hold a public
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 1 hearing on any ~~proposal~~ request made pursuant to
 2 subsection 3 prior to submitting it to the department
 3 of education for approval.
 4    Sec. ___.  Section 279.10, subsection 4, Code 2009,
 5 is amended by striking the subsection.>
 6    3.  Page 9, line 20, by striking <subsection 2, Code
 7 2009, is> and inserting <subsections 1 and 2, Code
 8 2009, are>
 9    4.  Page 9, after line 21 by inserting:
10    <1.  The board of directors of each public
11 school district and the authorities in charge of
12 each nonpublic school shall prescribe the minimum
13 educational program and an attendance policy which
14 shall require each child to attend school for at least
15 one hundred forty-eight days, to be met by attendance
16 for at least thirty-seven days each school quarter, for
17 the schools under their jurisdictions.  Each public
18 school and non public school shall comply with the
19 start date and school calendar requirements specified
20 in section 279.10, subsection 1.>
21    5.  Page 21, after line 7 by inserting:
22    <Sec. ___.  EFFECTIVE DATE.  The sections of
23 this Act amending section 257.17, section 279.10,
24 subsections 1 and 2, and section 280.3, subsection 1,
25 and striking section 279.10, subsection 4, take effect
26 July 1, 2011, and are applicable for school years
27 beginning on or after that date.>
28    6.  Title page, line 2, after <boards> by inserting
29 <and including effective date provisions>
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