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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the earliest school calendar start date.

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

1 Section 1. Section 279.10, subsection 1, Code 2018, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. The school year for each school district and accredited
4 nonpublic school shall begin on July 1 and the school calendar
5 shall begin no sooner than August 23 or the Monday following
6 the closing day of the annual Iowa state fair as set by the
7 state fair board established under section 173.1, whichever
8 occurs earlier, and no later than the first Monday in December.
9 The school calendar shall include not less than one hundred
10 eighty days or one thousand eighty hours of instruction during
11 the calendar year. The board of directors of a school district
12 and the authorities in charge of an accredited nonpublic school
13 shall determine the school start date for the school calendar
14 in accordance with [this subsection](#) and shall set the number
15 of days or hours of required attendance for the school year
16 as provided in [section 299.1, subsection 2](#), but the board of
17 directors of a school district shall hold a public hearing
18 on any proposed school calendar prior to adopting the school
19 calendar. If the board of directors of a district or the
20 authorities in charge of an accredited nonpublic school extends
21 the school calendar because inclement weather caused the school
22 district or accredited nonpublic school to temporarily close
23 during the regular school calendar, the school district or
24 accredited nonpublic school may excuse a graduating senior
25 who has met district or school requirements for graduation
26 from attendance during the extended school calendar. A school
27 corporation may begin employment of personnel for in-service
28 training and development purposes before the date to begin
29 elementary and secondary school.

30 EXPLANATION

31 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
32 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

33 This bill makes the earliest school start date August 23 or
34 the Monday following the closing day of the annual Iowa state
35 fair as set by the state fair board, whichever occurs earlier.