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A BILL FOR

1 An Act limiting the amount of instructional time a school
2 district or accredited nonpublic school must make up when
3 inclement weather causes a school district or accredited
4 nonpublic school to close, and including effective date
5 provisions.

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

1 Section 1. Section 279.10, subsection 1, Code 2019, 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 and no later than the
6 first Monday in December. The school calendar shall include
7 not less than one hundred eighty days or one thousand eighty
8 hours of instruction during the calendar year. The board
9 of directors of a school district and the authorities in
10 charge of an accredited nonpublic school shall determine the
11 school start date for the school calendar in accordance with
12 this subsection and shall set the number of days or hours
13 of required attendance for the school year as provided in
14 section 299.1, subsection 2, but the board of directors of a
15 school district shall hold a public hearing on any proposed
16 school calendar prior to adopting the school calendar. The
17 number of instructional days or hours that a school district
18 or accredited nonpublic school shall be required to make up
19 in the event inclement weather causes the school district or
20 accredited nonpublic school to close during the regular school
21 calendar shall be limited to not more than five instructional
22 days or thirty instructional hours. If the board of directors
23 of a district or the authorities in charge of an accredited
24 nonpublic school extends the school calendar because inclement
25 weather caused the school district or accredited nonpublic
26 school to temporarily close during the regular school calendar,
27 the school district or accredited nonpublic school may excuse a
28 graduating senior who has met district or school requirements
29 for graduation from attendance during the extended school
30 calendar. A school corporation may begin employment of
31 personnel for in-service training and development purposes
32 before the date to begin elementary and secondary school.

33 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate
34 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

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EXPLANATION

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

3 This bill limits the number of instructional days or hours
4 that a school district or accredited nonpublic school has
5 to make up in the event inclement weather causes the school
6 district or school to close during the regular school calendar
7 to not more than 5 instructional days or 30 instructional
8 hours.

9 The bill takes effect upon enactment.