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BY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 671)

(As Amended and Passed by the House April 10, 2012)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to early school start date provisions, and  
2 including effective date and applicability provisions.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 257.17, Code 2011, is amended to read as  
2 follows:

3 **257.17 Aid reduction for early school starts.**

4 State aid payments made pursuant to section 257.16 for a  
5 fiscal year shall be reduced by one one-hundred-eightieth for  
6 each day of that fiscal year for which the school district  
7 begins school before the earliest starting date specified in  
8 section 279.10, subsection 1. However, this section does  
9 not apply to a school district that has received approval  
10 from the ~~director of the~~ department of education under for  
11 a pilot program for an innovative school year in accordance  
12 with section 279.10, subsection 4 3, or to commence classes  
13 for regularly established elementary and secondary schools in  
14 advance of the ~~starting~~ earliest start date established in  
15 section 279.10, subsection 1.

16 Sec. 2. Section 279.10, subsections 1 and 2, Code 2011, are  
17 amended to read as follows:

18 1. The school year shall begin on the first day of July  
19 and each regularly established elementary and secondary school  
20 shall begin no sooner than ~~a day during the calendar week in~~  
21 ~~which the first day~~ fourth Monday of September falls August,  
22 but no later than the first Monday in December. ~~However,~~  
23 ~~if the first day of September falls on a Sunday, school may~~  
24 ~~begin on a day during the calendar week which immediately~~  
25 ~~precedes the first day of September, unless the school district~~  
26 has received approval from the department of education for  
27 a pilot program for an innovative school year in accordance  
28 with subsection 3. The earliest start date specified in this  
29 section shall not apply to a school district that maintains a  
30 year around three-semester school year. School shall continue  
31 for at least one hundred eighty days, except as provided in  
32 subsection 3, and may be maintained during the entire calendar  
33 year. However, if the board of directors of a district  
34 extends the school calendar because inclement weather caused  
35 the district to temporarily close school during the regular

1 school calendar, the district may excuse a graduating senior  
2 who has met district or school requirements for graduation  
3 from attendance during the extended school calendar. A school  
4 corporation may begin employment of personnel for in-service  
5 training and development purposes before the date to begin  
6 elementary and secondary school.

7 2. The board of directors shall hold a public hearing on  
8 any proposal for a pilot program for an innovative school year  
9 prior to submitting ~~it~~ such a request to the department of  
10 education for approval pursuant to subsection 3.

11 Sec. 3. Section 279.10, subsection 4, Code 2011, is amended  
12 by striking the subsection.

13 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect July 1, 2013.

14 Sec. 5. APPLICABILITY. This Act is applicable to school  
15 years beginning on or after July 1, 2013.