

HB 1803 - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 28A.150.222 and 2018 c 177 s 503 are each amended
4 to read as follows:

5 (1) In addition to waivers authorized under RCW 28A.300.750, the
6 superintendent of public instruction, in accordance with the criteria
7 in subsection (2) of this section and criteria adopted by the state
8 board of education under subsection (3) of this section, may grant
9 waivers of the requirement for a one hundred eighty-day school year
10 under RCW 28A.150.220 to school districts that propose to operate one
11 or more schools on a flexible calendar for purposes of economy and
12 efficiency as provided in this section. The requirement under RCW
13 28A.150.220 that school districts offer minimum instructional hours
14 may not be waived.

15 (2) A school district seeking a waiver under this section must
16 submit an application to the superintendent of public instruction
17 that includes:

18 (a) A proposed calendar for the school day and school year that
19 demonstrates how the instructional hour requirement will be
20 maintained;

21 (b) An explanation and estimate of the economies and efficiencies
22 to be gained from compressing the instructional hours into fewer than
23 one hundred eighty days;

24 (c) An explanation of how monetary savings from the proposal will
25 be redirected to support student learning;

26 (d) A summary of comments received at one or more public hearings
27 on the proposal and how concerns will be addressed;

28 (e) An explanation of the impact on students who rely upon free
29 and reduced-price school child nutrition services and the impact on
30 the ability of the child nutrition program to operate an economically
31 independent program;

1 (f) An explanation of the impact on employees in education
2 support positions and the ability to recruit and retain employees in
3 education support positions;

4 (g) An explanation of the impact on students whose parents work
5 during the missed school day; and

6 (h) Other information that the superintendent of public
7 instruction may request to assure that the proposed flexible calendar
8 will not adversely affect student learning.

9 (3) The state board of education shall adopt rules establishing
10 the criteria to evaluate waiver requests under this section. A waiver
11 may be effective for up to three years and may be renewed for
12 subsequent periods of three or fewer years. After each school year in
13 which a waiver has been granted under this section, the
14 superintendent of public instruction must analyze empirical evidence
15 to determine whether the reduction is affecting student learning. If
16 the superintendent of public instruction determines that student
17 learning is adversely affected, the school district must discontinue
18 the flexible calendar as soon as possible but not later than the
19 beginning of the next school year after the superintendent of public
20 instruction's determination.

21 (4) The superintendent of public instruction may grant waivers
22 authorized under this section to (~~five~~) seven or fewer school
23 districts with student populations of less than five hundred
24 students. Of the (~~five~~) seven waivers that may be granted, two must
25 be reserved for districts with student populations of less than one
26 hundred fifty students.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
28 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of
29 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes
30 effect immediately."

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31 On page 1, line 3 of the title, after "year;" strike the
32 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 28A.150.222; and
33 declaring an emergency."

EFFECT: Changes the number of waivers that the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction can issue from fifteen to seven.

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