



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 549 of the 132nd G.A.

Status: As Introduced

Sponsor: Rep. Arndt

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Subject: Generally requires public and chartered nonpublic schools to open for instruction after Labor Day

The bill has no direct fiscal effect on the state or political subdivisions. Beginning in the 2018-2019 school year, the bill requires public and chartered nonpublic schools to open for instruction after Labor Day, subject to certain exceptions, and makes state operating funds for school districts contingent on compliance with this requirement. The bill does not change the current minimum school year requirements, though it may reduce schools' flexibility in establishing their schedules. Under continuing law, traditional and joint vocational school districts, community and STEM schools, and chartered nonpublic schools are required to provide a minimum number of instructional hours to each student during each school year. The minimum number of hours varies depending on the type of school the student attends and the student's grade band.

The bill exempts year-round schools and those that opt out through adoption of a resolution by the school's board of education or governing body. However, the bill requires a board of education to hold a public hearing on the matter no later than 30 days prior to adopting such resolution. Furthermore, the bill exempts school districts with existing collective bargaining agreements that establish an opening date prior to Labor Day. Any agreements entered into or renewed after the effective date of the bill will be subject to the bill's requirement.

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