

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 365 (HB 20)

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Existing law, applicable to public school grades 1-12, requires that a school day consist of at least 360 minutes of instructional time and a school year consist of at least 177 days of instruction. Existing law authorizes, for specified purposes, a public school governing authority to modify the total number of instructional minutes per day and instructional days per year provided the number of instructional minutes per year is not less than the total instructional time achieved by 177 360-minute days (63,720 minutes).

New law provides an exception to existing law; provides that it is not applicable to any public school that cannot meet such requirements because the school temporarily shared facilities with another school due to damages caused by a natural disaster or emergency that was declared by the governor and that was certified by the state superintendent of education and approved by the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE). Authorizes BESE to require that the school provide a minimum number of daily instructional minutes that is less than existing law requirements. Requires that any such school submit to the state superintendent documented information explaining why the school could not meet such requirements, any efforts made toward meeting the requirements, and a revised school calendar for the affected school year.

New law is applicable to the 2016-2017 and subsequent school years.

Effective upon signature of governor (June 23, 2017).

(Adds R.S. 17:154.1(A)(6))