First Extraordinary Session, 2005

HOUSE BILL NO. 33

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BY REPRESENTATIVE CRANE AND SENATORS CHAISSON, QUINN, THEUNISSEN, AND ULLO

AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:154.3 and to enact R.S. 17:154.1(A)(5), relative to minimum 3 requirements for instructional time; to provide for applicability of such requirements 4 including the required number of certain work days per school year under specified 5 circumstances; to provide for certification by the state superintendent of education 6 relative to the applicability of the minimum requirements for instructional time for 7 certain public schools and school systems; to provide for rules and regulations 8 adopted by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education relative to all 9 such applicability; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters. 10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: 11 Section 1. R.S. 17:154.3 is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 17:154.1(A)(5) 12 is hereby enacted to read as follows: 13 §154.1. Length of school day and year; requirements 14 A. 15 16 (5)(a) Effective for the 2005-2006 school year, the provisions of Paragraph 17 (1) of this Subsection shall not be applicable to any city, parish, or other local public 18 school or school system which cannot meet the minimum requirements for 19 instructional time as provided in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection for the 2005-2006 20 school year due to school closure for reasons of natural catastrophe or disaster as 21 certified by the state superintendent of education and approved by the State Board 22 of Elementary and Secondary Education.

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1	(b) Such certification and approval shall be in accordance with criteria
2	established pursuant to rules and regulations adopted by the board for such purpose.
3	Such rules and regulations shall include but shall not be limited to requirements that:
4	(i) Any city, parish, or other local public school or school system not able
5	to meet the requirements of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection shall submit to the state
6	superintendent of education, in accordance with time lines established by the board,
7	documented information explaining the reasons why such school or school system
8	cannot meet such requirements and any efforts made by the school or school system
9	toward meeting the requirements and a revised school calendar for the 2005-2006
10	school year.
11	(ii) Schools and school systems subject to such certification and approval
12	comply with the revised school calendar submitted to the state superintendent and
13	any changes in such calendar that the board may require.
14	(c) The provisions of this Paragraph shall apply to an entire school system
15	only if every school within the system is forced to close for reasons as provided in
16	this Paragraph.
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18	§154.3. School schedules; minimum work days; instructional days
19	A. All Except as otherwise provided in Subsection B of this Section, all
20	teachers shall work not less than one hundred eighty-two days per school year and
21	except as provided in R.S. 17:154.1(A), no fewer than one hundred seventy-seven
22	of such days shall be used to provide instruction to students.
23	B. Effective for the 2005-2006 school year, the provisions of Subsection A
24	of this Section relative to the requirement that teachers work not less then one
25	hundred eighty-two days per school year shall not be applicable. However, the State
26	Board of Elementary and Secondary Education may adopt rules effective for the

2005-2006 school year relative to the minimum number of teacher work days.

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1	Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
2	signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
3	by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
4	vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
5	effective on the day following such approval.
	SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
	PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE
	GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_