
HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2024 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Education to Original House Bill No. 725
by Representative LaFleur

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, at the end of line 2, delete "middle schools" and at the beginning of line 3, delete
3 "and"

4 AMENDMENT NO. 2

5 On page 1, at the end of line 3, after "prior to" delete the remainder of the line and insert "a
6 specified start time; to authorize the state Department of Education to grant exemptions; to
7 require public school governing authorities to provide information relative to the benefits
8 of later school start times and to report annually to the department relative to the impact of
9 later school start times; to require the department to assess the statewide impact of later
10 school start times and report biennially to the legislature;"

11 AMENDMENT NO. 3

12 On page 1, delete lines 9 through 11 and insert the following:

13 "D.(1) The instructional day for high schools shall begin at eight-
14 thirty in the morning or later unless a school has a compelling justification
15 for beginning earlier in the day. A school may submit a request for
16 exemption to the state Department of Education. If the department finds that
17 the school has a compelling justification, it may authorize the school to begin
18 the instructional day at an earlier time.

19 (2) Each public school governing authority shall:

20 (a) Inform parents, students, and school employees of the health and
21 safety impacts of sleep deprivation on high school students and the benefits
22 of later school start times.

23 (b) Submit a report to the department, not later than June thirtieth
24 annually, relative to school compliance with, and exemptions granted for, the
25 start time requirement. The report shall include any effects reported by
26 principals relative to academic performance, attendance and graduation rates,
27 and student health and safety.

28 (3) The department shall assess the statewide impact of the start time
29 requirement on student academic performance, attendance and graduation
30 rates, and student health and safety. The department shall submit a written
31 report summarizing its findings and conclusions not later than August first
32 biennially to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee
33 on Education."

34 AMENDMENT NO. 4

35 On page 2, at the end of line 6, delete "2026-" and at the beginning of line 7, delete "2027"
36 and insert "2027-2028"