

House Bill 2848

Sponsored by Representatives JOHNSON, DOHERTY

SUMMARY

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Requires that school calendars allow for makeup of instructional days during same instructional period in which days were lost due to weather conditions or other unforeseen circumstances.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2015.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to school calendars; creating new provisions; amending ORS 336.010; and declaring an
3 emergency.

4 Whereas Oregon has one of the shortest instructional years in the nation; and

5 Whereas lost instructional time has a negative impact on student learning; and

6 Whereas as much quality learning time as possible is necessary in order to achieve this state's
7 40-40-20 educational goal; and

8 Whereas instructional days that are added to the end of a traditional school year are widely
9 acknowledged not to be quality learning time; now, therefore,

10 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

11 **SECTION 1.** ORS 336.010 is amended to read:

12 336.010. (1) The common school month consists of 20 days.

13 **(2) To the extent practicable, school calendars shall be designed to allow for instructional**
14 **days that were lost due to weather conditions or other unforeseen circumstances to be made**
15 **up during the same instructional period.**

16 [(2)] **(3)** [No] A pupil [shall] **may not** be required to attend school on any Saturday or on any
17 legal school holiday. Except as otherwise specifically provided in this section, a legal school holiday
18 is any holiday specified in ORS 187.010.

19 [(3)] **(4)** Days on which an election is held throughout the state shall be school holidays only for
20 such schools in which the sole schoolroom is used for election purposes.

21 [(4)] **(5)** The following days are not school holidays, but a portion of the days shall be set apart
22 and observed in the public schools by appropriate activities:

23 (a) Lincoln's Birthday on February 12.

24 (b) Admission of Oregon into the Union on February 14.

25 (c) Washington's Birthday on February 22.

26 (d) Columbus Day on October 12.

27 [(5)] **(6)** On January 15, Martin Luther King, Jr.'s actual date of birth, a portion of the day shall
28 be set apart and observed in the public schools by appropriate activities.

29 [(6)] **(7)** Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday, designated in ORS 187.010 as the third Monday in
30 January, shall be a legal school holiday. However, notwithstanding subsection [(8)] **(9)** of this sec-
31 tion, whether or not there shall be compensation of school employees shall be at the discretion of

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1 the school board or covered by a collective bargaining agreement.

2 [(7)] (8) Presidents Day, designated in ORS 187.010 as the third Monday in February, is not a
3 legal school holiday.

4 [(8)] (9) [No] A teacher [shall] **may not** be required to teach on any Saturday, except as pro-
5 vided in the terms of the teacher's employment, or on any legal school holiday. When a holiday oc-
6 curs on what would otherwise be a school day, teachers shall be allowed full pay for the holiday.

7 [(9)] (10) [No] A subject required for graduation [shall] **may not** be taught on Saturday only.

8 **SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 336.010 by section 1 of this 2015 Act first apply to**
9 **the 2015-2016 school year.**

10 **SECTION 3. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
11 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect**
12 **July 1, 2015.**

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