

AN ACT

ENTITLED, An Act to clarify situations in which high school seniors are excused from school make up days and to declare an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

Section 1. That § 13-26-2 be amended to read as follows:

13-26-2. The school board or governing body shall operate the schools for at least a nine-month regular term in any one school year. The regular school term may be conducted on a year-round basis, but shall consist of school actually in session for at least one hundred seventy-five days and shall begin on a date established by the school board. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules pursuant to chapter 1-26 governing the operation and scheduling of year-round schools. The rules may allow deviations from the one hundred seventy-five day requirement in this section and from the five and one-half hour per day requirement in § 13-26-1 if the total school term hours requirement in § 13-26-2.1 is met. Any school board or governing body may release graduating high school seniors from school before the end of the regular term if the release is for no more than three days. Make up days for school closing because of weather, disease or emergency need not exceed ten days. Graduating seniors are excused from make up days if the make up days occur after the students have graduated or after graduation exercises have been held. If classes have been convened and then are dismissed because of inclement weather, that day constitutes a day in session.

School boards are encouraged to provide days within the regular school term for curriculum and staff development, which shall be in addition to the one hundred seventy-five days required in this section. Each school board shall determine the appropriate number of days for this activity and how best to use the time based on local needs for program development, increased parent participation, student contact, teachers' preparation, or other needs of the schools in the district. School shall be in session only when classes are held and as provided in §§ 13-26-4 and

13-26-4.1. A school board may operate a special term during the summer months.

Section 2. Whereas, this Act is necessary for the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

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I certify that the attached Act originated in the

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Chief Clerk

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Speaker of the House

Attest:

Chief Clerk

President of the Senate

Attest:

Secretary of the Senate

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The attached Act is hereby approved this _____ day of _____ , A.D., 19__

Governor

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,
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Office of the Secretary of State

Filed _____ , 19__
at _____ o'clock __ M.

Secretary of State

By _____
Asst. Secretary of State