

Fiscal Analysis

FOUR-DAY SCHOOL WEEK



Bill/Sponsor **SENATE BILL 364 (H-2), Sen. Valde Garcia**

House Committee Education

Analysis **Summary**

This bill would eliminate the mandate that school districts provide at least 180 days of instructions. A school district would determine the number of days necessary to complete a school year, providing at least 1,098 hours of pupil instruction. If a district changes its schedule to a 4-day school week it must hold at least 2 public hearings on the issue.

Additionally, the bill changes the “snow days” provision from 2 days to 30 hours, the average school day is 6.5 hours this would cover more than four days of missed hours of instruction.

Finally, districts would no longer have to comply with the 75% attendance requirement on any given day or be penalized for not doing so.

Fiscal Impact

This bill would have no impact on the State. The elimination of the 180 days requirement could have substantial savings to local school districts that complete its school year in less than 180 days. It is estimated that the savings from moving to a four-day school week, while still maintaining a minimum of 1,098 hours of instruction would range from \$300 to \$500 per pupil depending on the size of the school district. The savings would result in lower salaries for certain staff and the avoidance of building operation costs, such as heat, electricity, and water. (These estimates are based on a sampling of school districts.)

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