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House Bill 5977 (Substitute S-3 as reported by the Committee of the Whole)

Sponsor: Representative John Moolenaar

House Committee: Education

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Revised School Code to do the following:

- Allow an intermediate school district (ISD) to provide services to constituent districts or public school academies before Labor Day under certain conditions.
- Add an exemption for certain schools from the requirement that a school year not begin before Labor Day.
- Allow professional development sessions before Labor Day.

Under the Code, the board of a school district or an ISD, or the board of directors of a public school academy (PSA) must ensure that pupils are not required to begin a school year before Labor Day. The Code provides exceptions to this requirement for pre-existing districts operating year-round schools or programs or international baccalaureate academies, and districts or PSAs in which a collective bargaining agreement conflicts with the requirement. Also, if a district or PSA begins operating a year-round school or program after the requirement took effect, it may apply for a waiver.

Under the bill, the requirement also would not apply to a public school that operated all of grades 6 to 12 at a single site, aligned its high school curriculum with advanced placement courses as the capstone of the curriculum, and ended its second academic semester concurrently with the end of the advanced placement exam period.

The bill would permit an ISD to provide programs or services according to a school district's or PSA's calendar if the ISD contracted with a constituent district or PSA to provide programs or services for pupils of that district or PSA, operated a program or service within a building owned by a constituent district or a PSA located within the ISD's boundaries, or otherwise provided instructional programs or services for pupils of a constituent district or PSA, and if the school district's or PSA's school year began before Labor Day as permitted under the exceptions described above.

The bill also states that the amended section would not prohibit a school district, ISD, or PSA from offering or requiring professional development for personnel before Labor Day.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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