AN ACT concerning education; increasing the number of school days and
hours that must be provided by school districts each school year;
amending K.S.A. 72-3115 and repealing the existing section.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 72-3115 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-
3115. (a) Subject to the other provisions of this section, a school term
during which public school shall be maintained in each school year by
each school district organized under the laws of this state for students
attending kindergarten or any of the grades one through 12 shall consist of
not less than 186 school days for pupils attending kindergarten or any of
the grades one through 11 and not less than 181 school days for pupils
attending grade 12. 195 school days consisting of 8 school hours per day
or 156 school days consisting of 10 school hours per day. On or before
September 15 of each school year, the board of education of each school
district shall notify the state board of education of the school term that is
in effect in the school district.

(b) Subject to a policy developed and adopted by the board of any
school district, the board may provide for a school term consisting of
school hours. A school term provided for in a policy adopted under this
subsection shall consist of: (1) For pupils attending kindergarten, not less
than 465 school hours in each school year; and (2) for pupils attending any
of the grades one through 11, not less than 1,116 school hours in each
school year; and (3) for pupils attending grade 12, not less than 1,086
school hours in each school year. Each board of education which develops
and adopts a policy providing for a school term in accordance with this
subsection shall notify the state board of education thereof on or before
September 15 in each school year for which the policy is to be in effect.

(c) Subject to a plan developed and adopted by the board of any
school district, the board may schedule the school days required for a
school term provided for under subsection (a), or the school hours required
for a school term provided for in a policy adopted under subsection (b), on
a trimestral or quarterly basis. Each board of education—which that
develops and adopts a plan providing for the scheduling of the school days
or school hours of the school term on a trimestral or quarterly basis shall
submit the plan to the state board of education for approval prior to
implementation. The plan shall be prepared in such form and manner as
the state board shall require and shall be submitted at a time or times to be
determined and specified by the state board.

(d)(c) Subject to a policy developed and adopted by the board of any
district as an adjunct to the district's disciplinary policy or as a part of the
district's school improvement plan, the board may schedule school days in
addition to the school days scheduled for a school term provided for under
subsection (a), or school hours in addition to the school hours scheduled
for a school term provided for in a policy adopted under subsection (b), or
both such additional school days and school hours for pupils students who
are in need of remedial education or who are subject to disciplinary
measures imposed under the district's disciplinary policy. Any school day
or school hour scheduled for a pupil student under a policy adopted under
this subsection may be scheduled on weekends, before or after regular
school hours, and or during the summer months. Inexcusable absence from
school on any school day or during any school hour by any pupil student
for whom additional school days or school hours have been scheduled
under a policy adopted under this subsection shall be counted as an
inexcusable absence from school for the purposes of K.S.A. 72-3121, and
amendments thereto.

(e)(d) If the board of any school district, or its designee, shall
determine that inclement weather will cause hazardous driving conditions,
the board, or its designee, may close any or all of the schools within the
district. The amount of time pupils students have been in attendance when
such determination is made shall be considered a school day of a school
term or shall be considered the number of school hours for pupils to be in
attendance at school in a day, whichever is applicable. Consonant In
accordance with the other provisions of this section, a board may schedule
any number of days or hours in excess of the regularly scheduled school
days or school hours which that the board determines will be necessary to
compensate for those school days or school hours that schools of the
district will remain closed during the school term due to hazardous driving
conditions. If the number of days or hours schools remain closed due to
hazardous driving conditions exceeds the number of days or hours
scheduled by the board to compensate for such school days or school
hours, the excess number of days or hours, that the school remains closed
due to such conditions shall be considered school days except that, to be
considered as school days, such days shall not to exceed whichever is the
lesser of: (1) The number of compensatory days or hours scheduled by the
board; or (2) five days or the number of school hours regularly scheduled
in five days, that schools remain closed due to such conditions shall be
considered school days or school hours.

(f)(e) The state board of education may waive the requirements of
law relating to the duration of the school term upon application for such
waiver by a school district. Such waiver may be granted by the state board
of education upon: (1) Certification by a board that, due to the persistence
of inclement weather, hazardous driving conditions have existed in the
school district for an inordinate period of time; and (2) a determination by
the state board that the school district cannot reasonably adjust its schedule
to comply with statutory requirements. Such waiver shall not exempt a
school district from providing a school offering for each student which
is substantially equivalent to that required by law.

(g) Time reserved for parent-teacher conferences for discussions on
the progress of pupils may be considered part of the school term.

(h) Time reserved for staff development or inservice training
programs for the purpose of improving staff skills, developing competency
in new or highly specialized fields, improving instructional techniques, or
curriculum planning and study may be considered part of the school term
for an aggregate amount of time equal to the amount of time in excess of
the school term which is scheduled by a board of education for similar
activities.

(i) Boards of education may employ noncertificated personnel to
supervise pupils for noninstructional activities.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 72-3115 is hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
publication in the statute book.