

House Substitute for SENATE BILL No. 142

By Committee on K-12 Education Budget

3-16

1 AN ACT concerning education; relating to the duration of the school term;
2 authorizing the grant of a waiver from school term requirements;
3 amending K.S.A. 72-3117 and repealing the existing section.
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 72-3117 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-
7 3117. (a) The state board of education may waive the requirements of law
8 relating to the duration of the school term in any school year upon
9 application for such waiver by a school district. The waiver may be
10 granted by the state board of education upon: (1) Certification by a board
11 of education that, due to disaster, conditions resulting from widespread or
12 severe property damage caused by the disaster *or other conditions*
13 *restricting the operation of public schools* will exist in the school district
14 for an inordinate period of time; and (2) a determination by the state board
15 that the school district cannot reasonably adjust its schedule to comply
16 with such requirements of law. The period of time school is not maintained
17 during any school year due to conditions resulting from disaster, upon
18 granting of the waiver by the state board of education, shall be considered
19 a part of the school term.

20 (b) As used in this section, the term "disaster" means the *declaration*
21 *of a state of disaster emergency by the governor pursuant to K.S.A. 48-*
22 *924, and amendments thereto, closure of schools by order issued by a*
23 *county or joint board of health, a local health officer pursuant to K.S.A.*
24 *65-119, and amendments thereto, or the secretary of health and*
25 *environment pursuant to K.S.A. 65-126, and amendments thereto, or*
26 *occurrence of widespread or severe damage, injury or loss of life or*
27 *property resulting from any natural or manmade cause, including, but not*
28 *limited to, fire, flood, earthquake, tornado, wind, storm, epidemics, air*
29 *contamination, blight, drought, infestation; or explosion.*

30 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 72-3117 is hereby repealed.

31 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
32 publication in the Kansas register.