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|  KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Legislative Bill | Red Bill # 12 | | | | | | |
| | Referred to Committee: House 2 | | | | | | |
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1 An act to limit the number of days added to the end of the school year.

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3 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

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5 Section 1: Public school systems should not be allowed to extend the school year beyond the first Friday in

6 the month of June. Currently, public schools in Kentucky have no limit on how many days can be added to the

7 school year in an attempt to make up days missed due to inclement weather or other unanticipated closings.

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9 Section 2: Currently, most Kentucky public schools add on days to the end of the year to make up for lost

10 days due to weather. To account for lost time, schools should instead be required to add on time to the end

11 of each day. This act will require schools to still maintain the required amount of instructional time needed

12 for a school year. Last year, the Jefferson County Public School System’s final day of school was June 12. The

13 Lexington Public School System’s last day was June 24. This allowed for very little vacation time for the

14 students and faculty.

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16 Section 3: This bill would not only benefit teachers and students, but also the school districts and state

17 government. Teachers will have more time to prepare for the next school year, and the students will have

18 more time to enjoy their break and scheduled vacations. More importantly, the state government will not

19 have to use tax payer dollars to extend the school year for public schools in order to make up absences due

20 to weather. This is justified since standardized testing will have previously been completed prior to the final

21 weeks of school. If public schools in Kentucky do not follow this act, they will not be accredited by the

22 Kentucky Board of Education.

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24 Section 4: This bill will become effective in the 2015-2016 school year.