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|  KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill | Red CW 9 | | | | | | |
| | Referred to Committee: Senate 3 | | | | | | |
| Authors: Millicent Hammons, Trenten Freeland | Action on the Bill | | | | | | |
| School: Burgin Ind. School | | | | | | | |
| City: Burgin | | | | | | | |
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- 1 An act to require public schools to commence instructional proceedings the Tuesday following Labor Day.
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- 3 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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- 5 Section 1: This bill would prevent the starting of school from happening until the Tuesday following Labor
6 Day, generating more income from tourism and from those students who work during the summer.
7 According to Forbes, by starting school in early August there is a significant loss in terms of \$369 million,
8 which includes more than \$104 million in wages and benefits, \$7.7 million in tax revenue, and around
9 \$257 million from tourism.
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11 Section 2: According to the Kentucky High School Athletic Association, when the weather has reached a
12 heat index of 95, precautions for health hazards are to be taken immediately. If the heat index reaches
13 104 or higher, all school related outdoor activities are to cease because of hazardous health risks,
14 including recess. In 2012, 3.0 million people died of heat related deaths from May to the beginning of
15 September (EPA.org). Allowing us to push the start date back, will help prevent those risks.
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17 Section 3: Currently, in the state of Kentucky, all students must attend school for 170 instructional days.
18 Although, the days students attend are up to the calendar committee and school administrators, the
19 school calendar must be approved by the board of education within the district. Currently, the Kentucky
20 Department of Education does not regulate start dates for schools, but should. Additionally, studies show
21 moving the start date to September shows no loss in educational attainment.
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23 Section 4: If a school does not desire to start after Labor Day, the district can apply for a waiver from the
24 Kentucky Department of Education.
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26 Section 5: There will be no extra cost to the state of Kentucky, nor its taxpayers.
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28 Section 6: This bill will go into effect the 2017-2018 school year.