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HOUSE BILL No. 79

(By Mr. Floyd S. Seibert)

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AN ACT to amend and reenact section four, article seven, chapter eighteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to time lost through closing of schools.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section four, article seven, chapter eighteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Section 4. Time Lost Through Closing Schools; Holidays; Extension of School Term.—In accordance with the provisions of chapter eighteen of the code, the county board of education shall provide a minimum of one hundred and eighty days of instruction beginning with the opening of the said school term as established in the annual budget which has been duly approved by the board
of school finance and adopted by the county board in its fixed statutory meeting for such purpose.

Any school or schools may be closed by proper authorities on account of the prevalence of contagious disease, conditions of weather or any other calamitous cause over which the board has no control. Schools shall not be kept open for instruction on any Saturday nor on the following days which are hereby named and designated as school holidays, namely: Independence Day, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, and any day on which a primary election or general election or special election is held throughout the state or school district and any day appointed and set apart by the president or the governor as a holiday of special observance by the people of the state.

Under any or all of the above provisions, the time lost by the closing of schools shall be counted as taught and as meeting a part of the requirements of the minimum term of one hundred and eighty days of instruction. The teacher shall receive pay the same as if school were in session: Provided, That he has held himself in readiness
to teach subject to the order of the board: *And provided further,* That, in case of the designated school holidays, the school has been taught on the day preceding or following such holiday or holidays.

Insofar as funds are available or can be made available during the school year, the board may extend the school term for such time as necessary to make up any or all of the lost time provided for above, thereby assuring the greatest possible amount of the one hundred and eighty days for actual class instruction.

In addition to any other provisions of this chapter, the board is further authorized to provide in its annual budget for teachers’ meetings, workshops, vacation time and/or other holidays through extended employment of teachers at the same rate of pay.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

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Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 27th day of February 1959.

Governor