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## Bill Analysis

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**Primary Sponsor:** Rep. Bird

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### SUMMARY

- Increases the minimum number of hours that school districts, STEM schools, and nonpublic schools must be open for instruction each school year by 27 hours for part-time kindergarten and 53 hours for all-day kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

### DETAILED ANALYSIS

#### Minimum number of hours school is open for instruction

The bill increases the minimum number of hours that schools operated by school districts, as well as STEM, chartered nonpublic, and nonchartered nonpublic schools, must be open for instruction with students in attendance. Specifically, the bill increases the number of hours for specific grade levels, as follows:

1. For a school offering part-time kindergarten, the increase for students in that grade level is from 455 hours to 482 hours per school year;
2. For a school offering all-day kindergarten and grades 1 to 6, the increase for students in those grade levels is from 910 to 963 hours per school year; and
3. For a school offering grades 7-12, the increase for students in those grade levels is from 1,001 to 1,054 hours per school year.

Each school district board of education and STEM school governing body must adopt a resolution establishing its school calendar for a school year and no school may reduce the number of hours it is open for instruction without authorization from the board or governing body so that the total number of hours it is open is fewer than the minimum hours of instruction required for that school.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> R.C. 3313.48, not in the bill.

Generally, under continuing law, the Department of Education and Workforce is not authorized to make school foundation payments to a school district in a fiscal year if the district failed to have its schools open for instruction with students in attendance for the required number of hours of instruction.<sup>2</sup>

Continuing law requires community schools to provide at least 920 hours of learning opportunities per school year for all grade levels.<sup>3</sup>

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## HISTORY

Action	Date
Introduced	03-03-25

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<sup>2</sup> R.C. 3317.01, not in the bill.

<sup>3</sup> R.C. 3314.03(A)(11)(a), not in the bill.