

## **KASA : HB211 Provisions that apply to 2013-2014**

### **Provisions that apply to 2013-14 include:**

- Districts must complete a minimum of 1062 hours of instructional time
- Districts may still waive up to five of these hours due to days on which they had a delayed start
- Any instructional day may be extended up to a maximum of seven hours in order to achieve the 1062 hour minimum
- The school year must be completed by June 6
- Districts that cannot accomplish 1062 hours by June 6 must request assistance from KDE to maximize their total instructional hours. If they cannot achieve 1062 after receiving assistance, the Commissioner shall waive the requirement.
- There is no requirement to conduct 170 six-hour instructional days
- If no school in the district is used as a polling place, the district may operate schools on primary election day
- All staff must complete their contractual work year
- Graduation ceremonies may be held prior to the end of the instructional year

### ***Items from KDE***

#### **HB 211 (Calendar bill) – Implementation of Emergency Provisions**

Governor Beshear signed HB 211 today to implement emergency provisions related to school calendars.

The most immediate impact of HB 211 relates to amending school calendars for the 2013-14 school year. This legislation boils down the myriad of calendar requirements to just one for 2013-14 – each school district must achieve a minimum of 1,062 instructional hours. Please note that districts may still use up to five emergency hours provided by 702 KAR 7:140. Other emergency relief granted previously to a school district during the 2013-14 school year will be included as well.

The last day of instruction in the district is a local decision. The date of June 6 was established in the legislation as the relief point for districts that are extraordinarily challenged to meet the 1,062 instructional hour requirement. Certainly districts may have instructional time past June 6 – it is purely a local decision.

In a good-faith effort to provide the required 1,062 instructional hours, districts should consider the following strategies:

- a. Lengthen the school day, not to exceed 420 instructional minutes per day.
- b. Convert non-instructional days (spring break days, Memorial Day, professional development days) to instructional days; Election Day (May 20) may be used as an instructional day if no school in the district is used as a polling place.
- c. Minimize non-instructional time (recess, passing time) during the existing day.

If a local district has implemented the strategies to reach 1,062 instructional hours and cannot do so by June 6, the district may request a waiver from the Commissioner for the hours that would occur after June 6.

For information on how to make a waiver request, please contact Kay Kennedy by e-mail at [kay.kennedy@education.ky.gov](mailto:kay.kennedy@education.ky.gov) or by phone at (502) 564-3930, ext. 4433.