

# SENATE, No. 849

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## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

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**Sponsored by:**

**Senator SHIRLEY K. TURNER**

**District 15 (Hunterdon and Mercer)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Establishes Extended School Day and School Year Study Commission.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1    **AN ACT** establishing an Extended School Day and School Year  
2       Study Commission.

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4       **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
5       *of New Jersey:*

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7       1. There is established an Extended School Day and School  
8       Year Study Commission. The commission shall consist of 13  
9       members as follows: two members of the Senate appointed by the  
10      Senate President, no more than one of whom shall be of the same  
11      political party; two members of the General Assembly appointed by  
12      the Speaker of the General Assembly, no more than one of whom  
13      shall be of the same political party; the Commissioner of Education,  
14      ex officio, or a designee; eight members to be appointed by the  
15      Governor including one each from the New Jersey Education  
16      Association, the New Jersey School Boards Association, the New  
17      Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association, the New Jersey  
18      Association of School Business Officials, the New Jersey  
19      Association of School Administrators, and the New Jersey Parent  
20      Teacher Association, and two public members.

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22      2. Appointments to the commission shall be made within 30  
23      days of the effective date of this act. Vacancies in the membership  
24      of the commission shall be filled in the same manner as the original  
25      appointments were made. Members of the commission shall serve  
26      without compensation but shall be entitled to reimbursement for  
27      expenses actually incurred in the performance of their duties within  
28      the limits of funds made available to the commission for its  
29      purposes.

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31      3. The commission shall organize within 30 days after the  
32      appointment of its members and shall select a chairperson and a  
33      vice-chairperson from among its members and a secretary who need  
34      not be a member of the commission. The commission may meet  
35      and hold hearings at the place or places it designates during the  
36      sessions or recesses of the Legislature.

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38      4. Staff and related support services shall be provided to the  
39      commission by the Department of Education. The commission  
40      shall also be entitled to call to its assistance and avail itself of the  
41      services of the employees of any State, county or municipal  
42      department, board, bureau, commission or agency as it may require  
43      and as may be available to it for its purposes.

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45      5. It shall be the duty of the commission to study the effects of  
46      a longer school day and school year on advancing student  
47      achievement, enhancing the overall school learning environment,  
48      and increasing student enrichment opportunities and educational

1 offerings. In conducting its study the commission shall examine  
2 any extended school day and school year schedules utilized in other  
3 states.

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5 6. The commission shall issue a final report of its findings and  
6 recommendations, including any recommended legislation, to the  
7 Governor and the Legislature no later than six months after its  
8 organizational meeting.

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10 7. This act shall take effect immediately and the commission  
11 shall expire 30 days after the submission of the final report.

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#### STATEMENT

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