

**SENATE**  
**STATE OF MINNESOTA**  
**EIGHTY-NINTH SESSION**

**S.F. No. 115**

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1.1 A bill for an act  
 1.2 relating to education; allowing school districts to begin the school year before  
 1.3 Labor Day; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 120A.40.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 120A.40, is amended to read:

1.6 **120A.40 SCHOOL CALENDAR.**

1.7 ~~(a) Except for learning programs during summer, flexible learning year programs~~  
 1.8 ~~authorized under sections 124D.12 to 124D.127, and learning year programs under section~~  
 1.9 ~~124D.128; A district must not may commence an elementary or secondary school year~~  
 1.10 ~~before Labor Day, except as provided under paragraph (b) it shall not hold a school day on~~  
 1.11 ~~the Thursday and Friday immediately preceding Labor Day. Days devoted to teachers'~~  
 1.12 ~~workshops may be held before Labor Day. Districts that enter into cooperative agreements~~  
 1.13 ~~are encouraged to adopt similar school calendars.~~

1.14 ~~(b) A district may begin the school year on any day before Labor Day:~~

1.15 ~~(1) to accommodate a construction or remodeling project of \$400,000 or more~~  
 1.16 ~~affecting a district school facility;~~

1.17 ~~(2) if the district has an agreement under section 123A.30, 123A.32, or 123A.35~~  
 1.18 ~~with a district that qualifies under clause (1); or~~

1.19 ~~(3) if the district agrees to the same schedule with a school district in an adjoining~~  
 1.20 ~~state.~~

1.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2015-2016 school year and  
 1.22 later.