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A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to prohibit starting a school
2 year before Labor Day as prescribed; to provide for
3 exceptions; and to provide duties for the State Department
4 of Education.

5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. (1) Except as provided in subsections (2) and
2 (3) of this section, beginning with school year 2007-08, no school
3 district's school year shall commence until after Labor Day.

4 (2) Subsection (1) of this section does not prohibit a
5 school from doing any of the following:

6 (a) Holding athletic contests or practices before Labor
7 Day;

8 (b) Scheduling in-service days or work days before Labor
9 Day; or

10 (c) Holding school year-round.

11 (3) A school board may commence a school year before Labor
12 Day if the school board requests permission from the State Department
13 of Education and includes reasons with such request and the
14 department grants the request. The department may grant a request
15 under this subsection only if it determines that there are
16 extraordinary reasons for permitting the school board to commence its
17 school year before Labor Day.

18 (4) The department shall adopt and promulgate rules and
19 regulations to carry out this section.

20 (5) For purposes of this section, Labor Day means the first
21 Monday in September.