HOUSE BILL No. 2747

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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1   AN ACT concerning education; relating to the duration of the school term;
2   authorizing the grant of a waiver from school term requirements;
3   amending K.S.A. 72-3117 and repealing the existing section.
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5   *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*
6   Section 1.   K.S.A. 72-3117 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-
7   3117. (a) The state board of education may waive the requirements of law
8   relating to the duration of the school term in any school year upon
9   application for such waiver by a school district. The waiver may be
10   granted by the state board of education upon: (1) Certification by a board
11   of education that, due to disaster, conditions resulting from widespread or
12   severe property damage caused by the disaster *or other conditions*
13   *restricting the operation of public schools* will exist in the school district
14   for an inordinate period of time; and (2) a determination by the state board
15   that the school district cannot reasonably adjust its schedule to comply
16   with such requirements of law. The period of time school is not maintained
17   during any school year due to conditions resulting from disaster, upon
18   granting of the waiver by the state board of education, shall be considered
19   a part of the school term.
20   (b)   As used in this section, the term "disaster" means the *declaration*
21   *of a state of disaster emergency by the governor pursuant to K.S.A. 48-*
22   *924, and amendments thereto, or closure of schools by order issued by the*
23   *county or joint board of health, a local health officer or the secretary of*
24   *health and environment or* occurrence of widespread or severe damage,
25   injury or loss of life or property resulting from any natural or manmade
26   cause, including*,* but not limited to*,* fire, flood, earthquake, tornado, wind,
27   storm, epidemics, air contamination, blight, drought, infestation*,* or
28   explosion.
29   Sec. 2.   K.S.A. 72-3117 is hereby repealed.
30   Sec. 3.   This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
31   publication in the Kansas register.