

**SENATE**  
**STATE OF MINNESOTA**  
**EIGHTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE**

**S.F. No. 917**

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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 2012, section 120A.40.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, 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). Days devoted to and may hold~~  
 1.11 ~~teachers' workshops may be held before Labor Day. Districts that enter into cooperative~~  
 1.12 ~~agreements are encouraged to adopt similar school calendars.~~

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

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

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

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

1.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2013-2014 school year and  
 1.21 later.