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3 HB179 HOUSE EDUCATION POLICY COMMITTEE ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE

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9 A BILL
10 TO BE ENTITLED
11 AN ACT

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13 Relating to public elementary and secondary
14 education; to specify an annual date in August upon which
15 academic instruction may begin and a date before Memorial Day
16 as the date academic instruction shall end.

17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

18 Section 1. (a) This section shall be known and may
19 be cited as the School Start Date Act of 2008.

20 (b) ~~Beginning with the 2008-2009 school year,~~
21 ~~student instruction in elementary and secondary schools under~~
22 ~~the jurisdiction of the State Board of Education shall begin~~
23 ~~on or after the third Monday in August, if the month of August~~
24 ~~has five Mondays, or on or after the second Monday in August,~~
25 ~~if the month of August has four Mondays. Student instruction~~
26 ~~shall end on or before the Friday immediately preceding the~~
27 ~~Monday on which Memorial Day is observed~~ Beginning with the

1 2009-2010 school year, no public and private school shall have
2 regular instructional student days during the months of June,
3 July, and the first ten days of August, unless specifically
4 exempted by the State Superintendent of Education for
5 emergency purposes.

6 Section 2. This act shall become effective
7 immediately following its passage and approval by the
8 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.