

1 SB241  
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3 By Senator Little (Z)  
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8 SYNOPSIS: Existing state law does not provide a  
9 statewide school start window for public elementary  
10 and secondary schools.

11 This bill would specify a date on or after  
12 the third Monday in August, if the month of August  
13 has five Mondays, or on or after the second Monday  
14 in August, if the month of August has four Mondays,  
15 as the earliest date that academic instruction may  
16 begin in a public elementary or secondary school to  
17 afford students attending schools identified for  
18 improvement, corrective action, or restructuring  
19 pursuant to federal guidelines with an opportunity  
20 to transfer to another school or to take advantage  
21 of other supplementary services, and to allow  
22 adequate time to comply with the reporting  
23 provisions of the federal No Child Left Behind Act  
24 of 2001.

25 This bill would also specify a final date of  
26 student instruction before Memorial Day.  
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1 A BILL  
2 TO BE ENTITLED  
3 AN ACT  
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5 Relating to public elementary and secondary  
6 education; to specify an annual date in August upon which  
7 academic instruction may begin and a date before Memorial Day  
8 as the date academic instruction shall end.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

12 (b) Beginning with the 2008-2009 school year,  
13 student instruction in elementary and secondary schools under  
14 the jurisdiction of the State Board of Education shall begin  
15 on or after the third Monday in August, if the month of August  
16 has five Mondays, or on or after the second Monday in August,  
17 if the month of August has four Mondays. Student instruction  
18 shall end on or before the Friday immediately preceding the  
19 Monday on which Memorial Day is observed.

20 Section 2. This act shall become effective  
21 immediately following its passage and approval by the  
22 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.