



2023 ASSEMBLY BILL 435

September 19, 2023 - Introduced by Representatives BINSFELD, MYERS, BALDEH, BRANDTJEN, CABRERA, DONOVAN and SCHMIDT, cosponsored by Senators STROEBEL, KNODL, HUTTON, NASS and TAYLOR. Referred to Committee on Education.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 118.045 (1), 118.045 (2) (a) and (b) and 118.045 (3); and **to**
2 **create** 118.045 (1m) of the statutes; **relating to:** the commencement of the
3 school term for public schools.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, public schools are prohibited from starting fall classes until September 1. However, current law allows the Department of Public Instruction to grant a school board request for an exception to this prohibition if DPI determines there are extraordinary reasons for granting the request.

Under this bill, beginning in the 2024-25 school year, public schools are prohibited from starting fall classes until the Monday before Labor Day. Additionally, under the bill, if a public school starts fall classes before Labor Day, the public school must be closed on the Friday before Labor Day. Additionally, in the exceptions to the start date prohibition provided under current law, the bill changes September 1 to the Monday before Labor Day.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

4 **SECTION 1.** 118.045 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

