

1 SB274  
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3 By Senators Pittman, Marsh, Beasley, Smith and Scofield  
4 RFD: Finance and Taxation Education  
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8 SYNOPSIS: Existing state law does not provide  
9 statewide school start and end dates for public  
10 elementary and secondary schools.

11 This bill would specify August 22 as the  
12 earliest date that academic instruction may begin  
13 and the Friday before Memorial Day as the latest  
14 day of instruction in a public elementary or  
15 secondary school.

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17 A BILL  
18 TO BE ENTITLED  
19 AN ACT

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21 Relating to public elementary and secondary  
22 education; to specify the annual date upon which academic  
23 instruction may begin as August 22 and the annual day upon  
24 which academic instruction shall end as the Friday before  
25 Memorial Day.

26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

1                   Section 1. (a) This section shall be known and may  
2 be cited as the School Start and End Date Act of 2011.

3                   (b) Beginning with the 2011-2012 school year, no  
4 elementary or secondary school under the jurisdiction of the  
5 State Board of Education may begin a new academic year of  
6 instruction for students before August 22. Notwithstanding the  
7 foregoing, if August 22 falls on a Saturday or Sunday,  
8 academic instruction for students may begin on the Monday  
9 immediately following August 22.

10                  (c) Beginning with the 2011-2012 school year, the  
11 latest day of the academic year of instruction for an  
12 elementary or secondary school under the jurisdiction of the  
13 State Board of Education shall be the Friday immediately  
14 before Memorial Day.

15                  Section 2. This act shall become effective  
16 immediately following its passage and approval by the  
17 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.