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To waive the minimum number of school days in the 1  
2007-2008 school year for certain public schools 2  
permanently closed due to flood damage and to 3  
declare an emergency. 4

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** A school district shall not be considered to have 5  
failed to comply with division (B) of section 3317.01 of the 6  
Revised Code or the state minimum standards during the 2007-2008 7  
school year because a school was not open for the minimum number 8  
of days or hours required by section 3313.48 or 3313.481 of the 9  
Revised Code, if all of the following conditions apply: 10

(A) The school that was not open for the minimum number of 11  
days or hours experienced severe flood damage that caused the 12  
school to close permanently. 13

(B) The students enrolled in that school were reassigned to 14  
other schools operated by the district for the remainder of the 15  
school year and did not miss more than six days of instruction 16  
while the reassignments were arranged. 17

(C) The district made up the number of days specified in its 18  
contingency plan adopted under division (A) of section 3313.482 of 19  
the Revised Code in accordance with that plan for all the other 20

schools of the district and complied with division (C) of that 21  
section to make up all remaining days or hours those schools were 22  
closed in excess of the number permitted by sections 3313.48, 23  
3313.481, and 3317.01 of the Revised Code due to hazardous weather 24  
conditions. 25

**Section 2.** This act is hereby declared to be an emergency 26  
measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public 27  
peace, health, and safety. The reason for such necessity is to 28  
ensure the uninterrupted payment of state funds to school 29  
districts forced to permanently close schools damaged by 30  
uncontrollable weather conditions. Therefore, this act shall go 31  
into immediate effect. 32