

Oklahoma Intercollegiate Legislature
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Senate Bill No. SNU-003

Hyatt (SNU)

AS INTRODUCED

An act relating to homework; providing short title; providing for definitions; providing for codification; providing for penalties; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Section 1. This act shall be known as the “Right to Rest Act of 2026.”

Section 2. DEFINITIONS

- A. Educators: Any hired individual in an academic institution within Oklahoma whose role is to instruct students on a designated subject, whether primary, secondary, or higher education, including but not limited to public, private or charter schools, universities, or graduate programs.
- B. Weekend: The days at the end of the week spanning from 6pm Friday to 8am the subsequent Monday.
- C. Coursework: any assignments from class that are to be completed and/or studied outside of school hours. Other terms include homework, schoolwork, and classwork.
- D. School Hours: a generalized time that most public schools and universities hold classes during the week, aside from federal and local holidays.
- E. Holiday/Break: a federal or local sabbatical where school or business activities are paused for a period of time, including but not limited to New Year's Eve/Day, American Independence Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

Section 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes to read as follows:

- A. Any full-time or part-time educator is not to assign coursework to be due between the hours/days starting at 6pm Friday and ending at 8am Monday.
 - 1. This includes general at-home assignments and any unfinished work from any class period.
 - 2. Approved course work extensions are not to exceed into the aforementioned time period and designated weekend.

- a. If a student is given a 24 hour extension it must exclude the weekend unless otherwise authorized by the student.
- B. Administrators shall not assign homework to be due over a school or work break or holiday. All assignments must be due after the start of the next scheduled school day.

Section 4. PENALTIES

- A. Any instructors who assign homework within the hours of the designated weekend shall not penalize any student who submits assignments after the 'unapproved' deadline.
 - a. Educators are allowed to deduct points how they see fit if the homework was turned in during school hours.
- B. If points were taken off as a result of the missed deadline outside of school hours, those points must be added back to said assignment within 24 hours.

Section 5. This act shall become effective ~~thirty (30) days after passage and approval.~~
at the beginning of the 2026-2027 school year.

AMENDMENTS

1. Amending Page 2, Section 5. Strike “thirty (30) days after passage and approval.” and replace it with “at the beginning of the 2026-2027 school year.” Submitted by Clinkenbeard, Seconded by Harcrow.