the	ALLIANCE OF NEW YORK STATE YMCAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT Legislative Bill	Referred to	# 46 Committee:	
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AN ACT TO: Reduce the school week to four days

The People of the State of New York, represented in the Senate and Assembly do enact as follows:

### <u>Purpose</u>

The purpose of this bill is to provide economic stimulation by reducing the amount of days in a school week.

## **Summary of Provisions**

<u>Section 1:</u> We propose to reduce the length of the school week from 5 days to 4. Although the school week is reduced, there will be more projects to be completed at home. Many of these projects will include family contributions. Computer programs will assist these home centered educational approach for the extended weekends. We could create agencies to provide assistance to create these programs.

# <u>Justification</u>

The past few years have seen an increase in assignments for children even during the holiday seasons. Many families complain that they can't go on vacations because the children have so much work. If students are given an extra day throughout the year to complete these assignments, then they would be able to take family vacations once again. If families can go vacation or do other activities such as zoos, aquariums, museums, shows, movies, etc., it will help the state's economy. The extra day will also help make students more energenic, rested and able to produce higher quality work. They will also be more productive during the 4 days of school because they will be better rested and less stressed. The extra day with the family will also help society as well by fostering stronger family bonds.

#### **Fiscal Implications**

We have already mentioned the advantages to the economy. There will also be less costs on energy spending and other operating costs if schools are closed for that one day. In the long term, the well- educated youth will create a strong economic workforce.

#### **Effective Date.**

This bill will go into effect immediately after passage