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each state are often set during the last week of August or anytime after Labor Day. North Carolina and West Virginia also have regulations on when the school year may end.⁴

States Debating Uniform Start Dates: Connecticut, Tennessee, Kentucky, Indiana, Alabama

Michigan¹³, Minnesota¹⁴, Missouri¹⁵, Montana¹⁶, and North Carolina¹⁷. The details differ somewhat between these states, though most states also provide some general parameters for an acceptable number of school days in a year and/or parameters for acceptable district school calendar start and/or end dates.

Maine is unique among the states listed in that its school calendar law emphasizes the alignment of calendars between regional schools and the local technical/vocational centers to which they send students. A degree of flexibility is built into this requirement, with each district allowed to have up to nine non-uniform instructional days per year.¹⁸

In Vermont, an enforced requirement for uniform