

New bill would permit March to November school term

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Ohio's youngsters could attend school from March through November and take their vacations December through February under a bill slated for introduction in the legislature.

Veteran Rep. C. J. McLin Jr., D-36 Dayton, said Monday he will offer the legislation as a possible solution to cold classrooms necessitated by the energy shortage.

The Senate and House returned

today for their second abbreviated week of the newly convened session. Energy matters have been underscored by the current weather which has turned the state into a virtual deep freeze.

Highlight of this week's activities, however, will be Gov. James A. Rhodes' "State of the State" address to a joint session of the Senate and House at 11 a.m. Wednesday.

The governor is expected to get

into the matter of energy in a speech he said he will limit to 20 minutes or less.

McLin, beginning his sixth two-year term in the House, said his bill would permit school districts to make the major change in school calendars.

Those wanting to keep their present schedule would be free to do so, he said.

He added: "Many school districts in this state have been forced to low-

er the heat in their schools to almost intolerable temperatures, and students have been forced to wear winter coats and gloves to class to stay warm. These conditions greatly hamper a student's ability to concentrate on his studies."

Although bills have poured into the legislative hoppers since the 12th General Assembly convened Jan. 3, no major actions are anticipated by the lawmakers until early next

month. About 100 new proposals are pending in the lower chamber alone.

The Senate will send seven representatives and the House eight next week to the inauguration of President-elect Jimmy Carter. Leaders said the trip is customary and does not reflect the Democratic makeup of the two legislative chambers. They also said state payment of expenses for the trip has been a matter of

practice, politics of the president notwithstanding.

Senators and representatives apparently will have their work cut out for them when they complete committee assignments and convene for full working sessions Feb. 1. Rhodes has said his two-year state budget proposal will have been submitted by that time, a document Democratic leaders have labeled their top priority.