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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. During the 2010 regular session, the
2 legislature established a mandatory minimum number of student
3 instructional days and hours per school year for elementary and
4 secondary schools, except charter schools, beginning with the
5 2011-2012 school year. The legislature finds that the
6 application of these instructional time requirements to multi-
7 track schools would create undue hardship on the students,
8 parents, and staff at these schools. For example, to implement
9 this mandate, multi-track schools may need to eliminate common
10 winter breaks or hold classes on Saturdays.

11 The purpose of this Act is to establish a minimum
12 instructional time requirement that is applicable only to public
13 multi-track schools.

14 SECTION 2. Section 302A-251, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 "~~§~~302A-251~~§~~ **School year; instructional time.** (a)
17 Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, for the 2011-2013
18 school years, all public schools, except charter schools~~§~~ and



1 multi-track schools, shall implement a school year of one
2 hundred eighty days, excluding professional development days and
3 other non-instructional days negotiated pursuant to chapter 89,
4 that shall include:

5 (1) Nine hundred fifteen student instructional hours for
6 the elementary school grades; and

7 (2) Nine hundred ninety student instructional hours for
8 the secondary school grades.

9 (b) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, for the
10 2013-2015 school years, all public schools, except charter
11 schools[7] and multi-track schools, shall implement a school
12 year of one hundred eighty days, excluding professional
13 development days and other non-instructional days negotiated
14 pursuant to chapter 89, that shall include one thousand eighty
15 student instructional hours for both elementary and secondary
16 school grades.

17 (c) Beginning with the 2011-2012 school year, all public
18 multi-track schools shall implement a school year of no less
19 than one hundred seventy-one days, excluding professional
20 development days and other non-instructional days negotiated
21 pursuant to chapter 89, that shall include one thousand eighty



1 student instructional hours for both elementary and secondary
2 school grades.

3 [~~e~~] (d) For purposes of this section, "student
4 instructional hours" means student learning time during which
5 students are engaged in learning activities including regularly-
6 scheduled instruction and learning assessments within the
7 curriculum, and does not include lunch, recess, or passing
8 time."

9 SECTION 3. Act 167, Session Laws of Hawaii 2010, is
10 amended by amending section 4 to read as follows:

11 "SECTION 4. The department of education shall, with the
12 board of education and office of the governor, and in
13 consultation with representatives of the affected collective
14 bargaining units, submit to the legislature, no later than
15 twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of
16 2012, a plan to implement a school year of one hundred ninety
17 days, excluding professional development days and other
18 non-instructional days negotiated pursuant to chapter 89, Hawaii
19 Revised Statutes, that shall include one thousand one hundred
20 forty student instructional hours for both elementary and
21 secondary school grades at all public schools, except charter
22 schools[7] and multi-track schools, for school years beginning



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1 with the 2015-2016 school year. For purposes of this section,
2 "student instructional hours" shall have the same meaning as in
3 section 302A-251, Hawaii Revised Statutes."

4 SECTION 4. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
5 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
6 begun before its effective date.

7 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Multi-Track Schools; Minimum Instructional Time

Description:

Establishes a minimum instructional time requirement that is applicable only to public multi-track schools.

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