
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO INSTRUCTIONAL TIME.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 302A-251, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 **"§302A-251 School year; instructional time. (a)**
4 Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, beginning with
5 the 2011-2013 school years, all public schools, excluding
6 charter schools and multi-track public schools, shall implement
7 a school year of one hundred eighty days, excluding professional
8 development days and other non-instructional days negotiated
9 pursuant to chapter 89.

10 (b) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary:

11 (1) For the 2011-2012 school year, fifty per cent of all
12 public elementary schools in the State, excluding
13 charter schools and multi-track public schools, shall
14 implement a school year that includes nine hundred
15 fifteen student instructional hours; and

16 (2) Beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, all public
17 elementary schools in the State, excluding charter
18 schools and multi-track public schools, shall



1 implement a school year that includes nine hundred
2 fifteen student instructional hours.

3 (c) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, for the
4 2014-2016 school years, all public secondary schools, excluding
5 charter schools and multi-track public schools, shall implement
6 a school year that includes nine hundred ninety student
7 instructional hours.

8 (d) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, [~~for~~
9 ~~the 2016-2018 school years,~~] beginning no later than the 2014-
10 2015 school year, all public schools, excluding charter schools
11 and multi-track public schools, shall [~~implement a school year~~
12 ~~of one hundred eighty days, excluding professional development~~
13 ~~days and other non-instructional days negotiated pursuant to~~
14 ~~chapter 89, that shall include one thousand eighty student~~
15 ~~instructional hours for both elementary and secondary school~~
16 ~~grades.] maintain standard instructional periods by implementing
17 a bell schedule devised by the department under subsection (e).~~

18 (e) The department shall develop multiple standard bell
19 schedule options for elementary, middle, and high schools. A
20 school shall have the discretion to implement one of the
21 available bell schedules for each grade level. This subsection



1 shall not apply to charter schools or multi-track public
2 schools."

3 ~~[(e)]~~ (f) The board, in its discretion, may grant a waiver
4 to any individual school subject to the student instructional
5 hours, standard instructional periods, or one hundred eighty day
6 school year requirements in this section. The board shall adopt
7 policies and procedures to grant a waiver under this subsection.

8 ~~[(f)]~~ (g) For purposes of this section, "student
9 instructional hours" means ~~[student]~~:

10 (1) Student learning time in elementary schools during
11 which students are engaged in learning activities,
12 including ~~regularly scheduled~~ regularly scheduled
13 instruction ~~[and]~~, project-based learning assignments,
14 technology-assisted learning, learning assessments
15 within the curriculum~~[, and does not include lunch,~~
16 recess, or passing time.], and all other activities in
17 which there is a related general learner outcome
18 attached to such time; and

19 (2) Student learning time in secondary schools during
20 which students are engaged in learning activities,
21 including regularly scheduled instruction, project-
22 based learning assignments, technology-assisted



1 learning, and learning assessments within the
2 curriculum; provided that for the purposes of
3 determining the adequacy of instructional time for
4 secondary schools, "student instructional hours" may
5 include:

6 (A) Presentations by persons other than teachers;

7 (B) Directed study;

8 (C) Time spent in homeroom;

9 (D) Student advisory time;

10 (E) Statewide performance assessment; and

11 (F) All other activities in which there is a related
12 general learner outcome attached to such time.

13 ~~(g)~~ (h) The department of education, with the board of
14 education and office of the governor, and in consultation with
15 representatives of the affected collective bargaining units,
16 shall submit to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
17 to the convening of the regular sessions of 2013, 2014, and
18 2015, ~~[2016, 2017, and 2018,]~~ a report on its progress and
19 efforts to meet the requirements of subsections (a), (b), (c),
20 and (d)."



1 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

Instructional Time; Bell Schedules

Description:

Requires the Department of Education to develop multiple standard bell schedules for elementary, middle, and high schools, with the exception of charter schools and multi-track public schools. Amends the public education instructional time law. (SB2535 HD1)

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