
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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~~] noninstructional
9 days negotiated 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~~] including nine
15 hundred 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~~] including nine
2 hundred fifteen student instructional hours.

3 (c) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, [~~for~~]
4 beginning with the [~~2014-2016~~] 2014-2015 school [~~years,~~] year,
5 all public secondary schools, excluding charter schools and
6 multi-track public schools, shall implement a school year [~~that~~
7 ~~includes~~] including nine hundred ninety student instructional
8 hours.

9 [~~(d) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, for~~
10 ~~the 2016-2018 school years, all public schools, excluding~~
11 ~~charter schools and multi track public schools, shall implement~~
12 ~~a school 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 ~~(e)]~~ (d) The board, in its discretion, may grant a waiver
18 to any individual school subject to the student instructional
19 hours or one hundred eighty day school year requirements in this
20 section. The board shall adopt policies and procedures to grant
21 a waiver under this subsection.



1 ~~[(f)]~~ (e) For purposes of this section, "student
2 instructional hours" ~~[means student learning time during which
3 students are engaged in learning activities including regularly
4 scheduled instruction and learning assessments within the
5 curriculum, and does not include lunch, recess, or passing
6 time.]~~ shall be defined by the board.

7 ~~[(g)]~~ (f) The department of education, with the board of
8 education and office of the governor, and in consultation with
9 representatives of the affected collective bargaining units,
10 shall submit to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
11 to the convening of the regular sessions of 2013, 2014, and
12 2015, ~~[2016, 2017, and 2018,]~~ a report on its progress and
13 efforts to meet the requirements of subsections (a), (b), and
14 (c) ~~[, and (d)]~~."

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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

17 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2030.



Report Title:

Department of Education; Student Instructional Hours

Description:

Requires all public secondary schools to implement a school year that includes nine hundred ninety student instructional hours beginning with the 2014-2015 school year. Repeals the requirement that by the 2016-2018 school years, all public schools implement a school year of one hundred eighty days, including one thousand eighty student instructional hours for both elementary and secondary school grades. Allows board of education to define "student instructional hours." Effective July 1, 2030. (HB1675 HD1)

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