
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.~~] student**
4 **hours.** (a) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary,
5 beginning with the 2011-2013 school years, all public schools,
6 excluding charter schools and multi-track public schools, shall
7 implement a school year of one hundred eighty days, excluding
8 professional development days and other non-instructional days
9 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 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



1 schools and multi-track public schools, shall
2 implement a school year that includes nine hundred
3 fifteen student [~~instructional~~] hours.

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

9 (d) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, [~~for~~]
10 beginning with the [~~2016-2018~~] 2016-2017 school [~~years,~~] year,
11 all public schools, excluding charter schools and multi-track
12 public schools, shall implement a school year of one hundred
13 eighty days, excluding professional development days and other
14 non-instructional days negotiated pursuant to chapter 89, that
15 shall include one thousand eighty student [~~instructional~~] hours
16 for both elementary and secondary school grades.

17 (e) The board, in its discretion, may grant a waiver to
18 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) For purposes of this section, "student [~~instructional~~]
2 hours" [~~means student learning time during which students are~~
3 ~~engaged in learning activities including regularly scheduled~~
4 ~~instruction and learning assessments within the curriculum, and~~
5 ~~does not include lunch, recess, or passing time.~~] shall be
6 inclusive of the full school day in alignment with the State's
7 general learner outcomes.

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

15 SECTION 2. Act 167, Session Laws of Hawaii 2010, as
16 amended by Act 52, Session Laws of Hawaii 2011, is amended by
17 repealing section 4.

18 [~~SECTION 4. The department of education shall, with the~~
19 ~~board of education and office of the governor, and in~~
20 ~~consultation with representatives of the affected collective~~
21 ~~bargaining units, submit to the legislature, no later than~~



1 ~~twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of~~
2 ~~2015, a plan to implement beginning with the 2018-2019 school~~
3 ~~year, for elementary and secondary school grades at all public~~
4 ~~schools, excluding charter schools and multi-track public~~
5 ~~schools, a school year of one hundred ninety days, excluding~~
6 ~~professional development days and other non-instructional days~~
7 ~~negotiated pursuant to chapter 89, Hawaii Revised Statutes, that~~
8 ~~shall include one thousand one hundred forty student~~
9 ~~instructional hours.~~

10 ~~For purposes of this section, "student instructional hours"~~
11 ~~shall have the same meaning as in section 302A-251, Hawaii~~
12 ~~Revised Statutes."]~~

13 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
14 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

15 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.



Report Title:

Department of Education; Student Hours

Description:

Clarifies the implementation schedule and calculation method for minimum number of days and student hours required for Department of Education schools in each school year. Applies the requirement for a 180 day, 1,080 hour school year to all school years beginning with the 2016-2017 school year. (SB822 HD1)

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