
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§302A- Minimum instructional time per school year. (a)

5 Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the school year
6 shall consist of:

7 (1) Not less than one hundred eighty instructional days
8 per school year at six instructional hours per day
9 (total of 1,080 instructional hours per school year)
10 for kindergarten to grade six; and

11 (2) Not less than one hundred eighty instructional days
12 per school year at 6.5 instructional hours per day
13 (total of 1,170 instructional hours per school year)
14 for grades seven to twelve.

15 (b) This section shall apply to all elementary, middle or
16 intermediate, and high schools, including charter schools,
17 beginning with the 2011-2012 school year."



1 SECTION 2. Section 302A-406, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

3 "(a) The department may provide suitable transportation to
4 and from school and for educational field trips for all children
5 in grades kindergarten to twelve and in special education
6 classes. The department shall adopt such policy, procedure, and
7 program as it deems necessary to provide suitable
8 transportation. In formulating the policy, procedure, and
9 program, the department shall consider the school district; the
10 school attendance area in which a school child normally resides;
11 the distance the school child lives from the school; the
12 availability of public carriers or other means of
13 transportation; the frequency, regularity, and availability of
14 public transportation; and the grade level, physical handicap,
15 or special learning disability of a school child, and it may
16 also consider such conditions and circumstances unique or
17 peculiar to a county or area. If the implementation of the
18 minimum number of instructional days and hours per school year
19 pursuant to section 302A- results in varying schedules for the
20 transportation of students, the department shall consider pick-
21 up and drop-off times that optimize the department's
22 transportation services while minimizing costs to the State."



1 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
2 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
3 begun before its effective date.

4 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

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Report Title:

School Year; Minimum Instructional Time

Description:

Establishes a minimum number of instructional days and hours per school year for kindergarten to grade twelve, beginning with the 2011-2012 school year. Directs the department of education to consider pick-up and drop-off times that optimize the department's transportation services while minimizing costs. Effective July 1, 2020. (SD1)

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