
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF 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 part III to be appropriately
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 "§302A- Minimum instructional days required. (a) All
5 public schools, except charter schools and multi-track schools,
6 shall provide the following to students:

7 (1) A minimum of one hundred ninety instructional days per
8 school year; and

9 (2) A minimum of thirty-six hours of instruction per
10 school week.

11 (b) If the requirement under paragraph (1) of subsection
12 (a) is not met for any reason, the school year shall be extended
13 to provide for the missing instructional days.

14 (c) For the purposes of this section:

15 "Instructional day" shall mean a day in the school year
16 when students, faculty, and staff are present on campus and
17 regular classroom instruction or standardized testing that is

1 required by law occurs; provided that "instructional day" shall
2 also include any days in the school year where field trips,
3 mandatory off-campus instruction, curriculum-related recreation,
4 or other curriculum-related activities occur; provided further
5 that "instructional day" shall not include professional
6 development days, waiver days, and any other days that students
7 are not present in school."

8 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2011.

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Report Title:

Public Schools; Instructional Days

Description:

Requires that all public schools, excluding charter schools and multi-track schools, offer a minimum of one hundred ninety instructional days per school year and thirty-six hours of instruction per school week. Takes effect 7/1/2011. (SD1)

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