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S.B. NO. 2069

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the current length
2 of each school day in Hawaii's public schools is an insufficient
3 amount of time for Hawaii's students to receive a comprehensive
4 educational experience. The legislature further finds that when
5 schools are forced to make cuts due to budgetary constraints,
6 schools often reduce or eliminate instruction in important
7 fields such as art, music, and physical education and limit the
8 amount of time allowed for lunch and recess. Mandating a seven-
9 hour school day allows students to obtain a quality education
10 each day they are in class and to experience a wide variety of
11 learning opportunities.

12 The purpose of this Act is to require all public schools,
13 beginning with the 2011-2012 school year, to implement a school
14 day with a minimum of seven hours, which shall be used to
15 provide a well-rounded educational experience with increased
16 academic and multidisciplinary opportunities including
17 instruction in art, music, and physical education, and
18 sufficient time for lunch and recess periods.



1 SECTION 2. 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- Length of school day; public schools.

5 Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, beginning with
6 the 2011-2012 school year, all public schools, including charter
7 schools, shall implement a school calendar that provides for a
8 school day of not less than seven hours that includes increased
9 academic and multidisciplinary opportunities, including
10 instruction in art, music, physical education, and sufficient
11 time for lunch and recess periods."

12 SECTION 3. Chapter 302B, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
14 and to read as follows:

15 "§302B- Length of school day; charter schools.

16 Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, beginning with
17 the 2011-2012 school year, all charter schools shall implement a
18 school calendar that provides for a school day of not less than
19 seven hours that includes increased academic and
20 multidisciplinary opportunities, including instruction in art,
21 music, physical education, and sufficient time for lunch and
22 recess periods."



Report Title:

Keiki Caucus; Education; Mandatory Minimum Length of School Day

Description:

Beginning with the 2011-2012 school year, requires a minimum of seven hours per school day, including longer periods for lunch and recess.

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