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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 if all teacher
2 furlough days negotiated for the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 school
3 years are implemented, Hawaii will become the state with the
4 fewest number of instructional days in the nation. Many states
5 have already legislated a mandatory minimum number of school
6 days and according to the National Center on Time & Learning,
7 the international average number of school days per year is one
8 hundred ninety-three. Countries such as South Korea, Japan,
9 China, and Australia have as many as one hundred ninety-six to
10 two hundred twenty-five school days per year. The legislature
11 finds that establishing a mandatory minimum number of days of
12 classroom instruction per school year is a step toward raising
13 Hawaii's education standards to be on par with other states and
14 countries.

15 The purpose of this Act is to require all public schools,
16 including charter schools, to implement a minimum of one hundred
17 eighty days of classroom instruction per school year.



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- Minimum number of classroom instruction days;
5 public schools. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary,
6 beginning with the 2011-2012 school year, all public schools,
7 including charter schools, shall implement a school calendar
8 that provides not less than one hundred eighty days of classroom
9 instruction per school year. The one hundred eighty days of
10 classroom instruction shall not include state holidays provided
11 by law, professional development days, and other non-
12 instructional days negotiated pursuant to chapter 89."

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

16 "§302B- Minimum number of classroom instruction days;
17 charter schools. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary,
18 beginning with the 2011-2012 school year, all charter schools
19 shall implement a school calendar that provides not less than
20 one hundred eighty days of classroom instruction per school
21 year. The one hundred eighty days of classroom instruction
22 shall not include state holidays provided by law, professional



1 development days, and other non-instructional days negotiated
2 pursuant to chapter 89 or section 302B-9."

3 SECTION 4. Chapter 89, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
4 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
5 read as follows:

6 "§89- Minimum number of classroom instructional days.
7 Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, no collective
8 bargaining agreement shall contain provisions that would shorten
9 the school year for public school employees to less than one
10 hundred eighty days of classroom instruction per school year,
11 beginning with the 2011-2012 school year."

12 SECTION 5. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
13 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
14 begun before its effective date.

15 SECTION 6. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Education; Minimum Classroom Instruction Days

Description:

Requires all public schools, including charter schools, to implement a minimum of one hundred eighty days of classroom instruction per school year beginning with the 2011-2012 school year. Prohibits any collective bargaining agreement under chapter 89, Hawaii Revised Statutes, from containing provisions that would shorten the school year for public school employees to less than one hundred eighty days of classroom instruction per school year beginning with the 2011-2012 school year.

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