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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, including charter schools, shall provide a
6 minimum of one hundred ninety instructional days per school year
7 to students.

8 (b) In the event that the minimum number of instructional
9 days in a school year is not met for any reason, the school year
10 shall be extended to provide for the missing instructional days.

11 (c) For the purposes of this section:

12 "Instructional day" shall mean a day in the school year
13 when students, faculty, and staff are present on campus and
14 regular classroom instruction or standardized testing that is
15 required by law occurs; provided that "instructional day" shall
16 also include any days in the school year where field trips,
17 mandatory off-campus instruction, curriculum-related recreation,



1 or other curriculum-related activities occur; provided further
2 that "instructional day" shall not include professional
3 development days, waiver days, or any other days that students
4 are not present in school."

5 SECTION 2. Section 302A-101, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
6 amended by amending the definition of "charter schools" to read
7 as follows:

8 "Charter schools" means public schools holding charters to
9 operate as charter schools under chapter 302B, including start-
10 up and conversion charter schools, that have the flexibility to
11 implement alternative frameworks with regard to curriculum,
12 facilities management, instructional approach, length of the
13 school day~~[7]~~ or week, [~~or year~~7] and personnel management."

14 SECTION 3. Section 302B-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
15 amended by amending the definition of "charter school" to read
16 as follows:

17 "Charter school" refers to those public schools holding
18 charters to operate as charter schools under this chapter,
19 including start-up and conversion charter schools, and that have
20 the flexibility and independent authority to implement
21 alternative frameworks with regard to curriculum, facilities



1 management, instructional approach, virtual education, length of
2 the school day[~~7~~] or week, [~~or year~~,] and personnel management."

3 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2010.

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Report Title:

Public Schools; Instructional Days

Description:

Requires that all public schools, including charter schools, offer a minimum of one hundred ninety instructional days per school year.

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