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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATION TO EDUCATION.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the furlough  
2 days negotiated for the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 school years are  
3 an unacceptable solution to the budgetary shortfall; although  
4 other states face similar or worse budgetary situations, Hawaii  
5 has become the state with the fewest number of days of classroom  
6 instruction as a result of the furloughs. The legislature  
7 further finds that establishing a mandatory minimum number of  
8 days of classroom instruction per school year, which many states  
9 have already implemented, would raise the standard of quality  
10 for education and reflect a commitment to quality education for  
11 Hawaii's children.

12           The purpose of this Act is to require all public schools,  
13 including charter schools, to implement a minimum of two hundred  
14 days of classroom instruction per school year.

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



1           "§302A- Minimum number of classroom instruction days;  
2 public schools. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary,  
3 beginning with the 2011-2012 school year, all public schools,  
4 including charter schools, shall implement a school calendar  
5 that provides not less than two hundred days of classroom  
6 instruction per school year. The two hundred days of classroom  
7 instruction shall not include state holidays provided by law,  
8 professional development days, and other non-instructional days  
9 negotiated pursuant to chapter 89."

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

13           "§302B- Minimum number of classroom instruction days;  
14 charter schools. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary,  
15 beginning with the 2011-2012 school year, all charter schools  
16 shall implement a school calendar that provides not less than  
17 two hundred days of classroom instruction per school year. The  
18 two hundred days of classroom instruction shall not include  
19 state holidays provided by law, professional development days,  
20 and other non-instructional days negotiated pursuant to chapter  
21 89 or section 302B-9."





**Report Title:**

Education; Minimum Classroom Instruction Days

**Description:**

Requires all public schools, including charter schools, to implement a minimum of two hundred days of classroom instruction per 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 two hundred days of classroom instruction per school year.

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