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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 days  
2 negotiated for the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 school years are an  
3 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, and  
10 reflect a commitment to, quality education for Hawaii's  
11 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 or an equivalent number of  
15 instructional hours 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 shall implement a school calendar that provides not less than  
8 two hundred days of classroom instruction, or an equivalent  
9 number of instructional hours, per school year. The two hundred  
10 days of classroom instruction, or an equivalent number of  
11 instructional hours, shall not include state holidays provided  
12 by law, professional development days, and other non-  
13 instructional days negotiated pursuant to chapter 89."

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

17 "§302B- Minimum number of classroom instruction days;  
18 charter schools. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary,  
19 beginning with the 2011-2012 school year, all charter schools  
20 shall implement a school calendar that provides not less than  
21 two hundred days of classroom instruction, or an equivalent  
22 number of instructional hours, per school year. The two hundred



1 days of classroom instruction, or an equivalent number of  
2 instructional hours, shall not include state holidays provided  
3 by law, professional development days, and other non-  
4 instructional days negotiated pursuant to chapter 89 or section  
5 302B-9."

6 SECTION 4. This Act does not affect rights and duties that  
7 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were  
8 begun before its effective date.

9 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.

10 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2099.



**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, or an equivalent number of instructional hours, per school year. Effective 1/1/99.

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