
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 302A-251, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "[+]§302A-251[+] **School year; instructional time.** (a)

4 Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, for the 2011-2013
5 school years, all public schools, except charter schools[-] and
6 multi-track public schools, shall implement a school year of one
7 hundred eighty days, excluding professional development days and
8 other non-instructional days negotiated pursuant to chapter 89,
9 that shall include:

10 (1) Nine hundred fifteen student instructional hours for
11 the elementary school grades; and

12 (2) Nine hundred ninety student instructional hours for
13 the secondary school grades.

14 (b) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, for the
15 2013-2015 school years, all public schools, except charter
16 schools[-] and multi-track public schools, shall implement a
17 school year of one hundred eighty days, excluding professional
18 development days and other non-instructional days negotiated



1 pursuant to chapter 89, that shall include one thousand eighty
2 student instructional hours for both elementary and secondary
3 school grades.

4 (c) Multi-track public schools shall implement a school
5 year of no less than either one hundred seventy-one days or
6 ninety per cent of the number of days required in other public
7 schools, except charter schools, under subsections (a) and (b)
8 for each respective school year, whichever number is greater.

9 ~~[(e)]~~ (d) For purposes of this section, "student
10 instructional hours" means student learning time during which
11 students are engaged in learning activities including regularly-
12 scheduled instruction and learning assessments within the
13 curriculum, and does not include lunch, recess, or passing
14 time."

15 SECTION 2. Act 167, Session Laws of Hawaii 2010, is
16 amended by amending section 4 to read as follows:

17 "SECTION 4. The department of education shall, with the
18 board of education and office of the governor, and in
19 consultation with representatives of the affected collective
20 bargaining units, submit to the legislature, no later than
21 twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of



1 2012, a plan to implement the following requirements for school
2 years beginning with the 2015-2016 school year:

3 (1) For elementary and secondary school grades at all
4 public schools, except charter schools and multi-track
5 public schools, a school year of one hundred ninety
6 days, excluding professional development days and
7 other non-instructional days negotiated pursuant to
8 chapter 89, Hawaii Revised Statutes, that shall
9 include one thousand one hundred forty student
10 instructional hours [~~for both elementary and secondary~~
11 ~~school grades at all public schools, except charter~~
12 ~~schools, for school years beginning with the 2015-2016~~
13 ~~school year-]; and~~

14 (2) For all multi-track public schools, no less than
15 ninety per cent of the number of days required in
16 other public schools, except charter schools, under
17 paragraph (1).

18 For purposes of this section, "student instructional hours"
19 shall have the same meaning as in section [~~302A—~~,] 302A-251,
20 Hawaii Revised Statutes."

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



1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

Instructional Days; Multi-Track Public Schools

Description:

Requires multi track public schools to meet the greater of one hundred seventy-one days or ninety per cent of the minimum number of days required of other non-charter public schools for each respective school year. Requires the Department of Education to submit to the legislature a plan to implement a school year for multi-track schools beginning with the 2015-2016 school year of no less than ninety per cent of the minimum number of instructional days required of other public schools.
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