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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. 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[7] 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[7] 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:

6 (1) Either one hundred seventy-one days or ninety per cent  
7 of the number of days required in other public  
8 schools, except charter schools, under subsections (a)  
9 and (b) for each respective school year, whichever  
10 number is greater; and

11 (2) Ninety per cent of the number of student instructional  
12 hours required in other public schools, except charter  
13 schools, under subsections (a) and (b) for each  
14 respective school year.

15 [~~e~~] (d) For purposes of this section, "student  
16 instructional hours" means student learning time during which  
17 students are engaged in learning activities including regularly-  
18 scheduled instruction and learning assessments within the  
19 curriculum, and does not include lunch, recess, or passing  
20 time."

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



1 "SECTION 4. The department of education shall, with the  
2 board of education and office of the governor, and in  
3 consultation with representatives of the affected collective  
4 bargaining units, submit to the legislature, no later than  
5 twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of  
6 2012, a plan to implement the following requirements for school  
7 years beginning with the 2015-2016 school year:

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

19 (2) For all multi-track public schools, no less than  
20 ninety per cent of the number of days and student  
21 instructional hours required in other public schools,  
22 except charter schools, under paragraph (1).



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

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

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



**Report Title:**

Instructional Days; Multi-Track Public Schools

**Description:**

Provides an exemption to multi-track public schools of the minimum number of days and instructional hours required of other non-charter public schools by requiring these schools to meet the greater of one hundred seventy-one days or ninety percent of the minimum number of days, and at least ninety percent of the minimum number of student instructional hours for each respective school year. Includes reporting requirements.  
(HB945 HD2)

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