

JAN 26 2011

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Act 167, Session Laws of Hawaii 2010, mandated
2 one hundred eighty days of instruction at all schools, beginning
3 with school years 2011-2013. The legislature finds that the
4 application of this requirement to multi-track schools would
5 create undue hardship on the students, parents, and staff at the
6 multi-track schools, such as the elimination of a common winter
7 break or the need to hold classes on Saturdays.

8 SECTION 2. Section 302A-251, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
9 amended by amending subsections (a) and (b) to read as follows:

10 "(a) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, for
11 the 2011-2013 school years, all public schools, except charter
12 schools[7] and multi-track department of education schools,
13 shall implement a school year of one hundred eighty days,
14 excluding professional development days and other non-
15 instructional days negotiated pursuant to chapter 89, that shall
16 include:

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



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

3 (b) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, for the
4 2013-2015 school years, all public schools, except charter
5 schools[7] and multi-track department of education schools,
6 shall implement a school year of one hundred eighty days,
7 excluding professional development days and other non-
8 instructional days negotiated pursuant to chapter 89, that shall
9 include one thousand eighty student instructional hours for both
10 elementary and secondary school grades. Multi-track department
11 of education schools shall implement a school year of not fewer
12 than one hundred seventy-one days, excluding professional
13 development days and other non-instructional days negotiated
14 pursuant to chapter 89, which shall include one thousand eighty
15 student instructional hours for both elementary and secondary
16 school grades."

17 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
18 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
19 begun before its effective date.

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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

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1 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Education; Multi-Track Schools; Instructional Days

Description:

Exempts multi-track schools from required minimum of one hundred eighty instructional days; requires not fewer than one hundred seventy-one days and one thousand eighty student instructional hours.

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