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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. Act 167, Session Laws of Hawaii 2010 (Act 167),  
2 mandated school years of one hundred eighty instructional days  
3 at all public schools, beginning with the 2011-2012 school year.  
4 The purpose of this requirement is to ensure that students  
5 receive the amount of instructional time necessary for their  
6 academic success. However, the legislature finds that this  
7 requirement presents unique challenges for multi-track schools,  
8 which have at least one group of students on vacation at any  
9 given time to address overcrowding in communities with large  
10 student populations. Students at multi-track schools are  
11 divided into separate tracks in which each group of students  
12 occupies the limited school facilities at different times.

13           The legislature finds that for multi-track schools to  
14 continue undertaking creative solutions to address school  
15 overcrowding and insufficient classroom space, an exception from  
16 the minimum school instructional days requirement should be made  
17 while still requiring multi-track schools to achieve the same  
18 minimum instructional hours as other public schools.



1 The purpose of this Act is to allow multi-track schools to  
2 meet the minimum number of instructional hours required of all  
3 public schools, regardless of the amount of instructional days  
4 provided.

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

7 "(a) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, for  
8 the 2011-2013 school years~~[, all]~~:

9 (1) All public schools, except charter schools~~[,]~~ and  
10 multi-track schools, shall implement a school year of  
11 one hundred eighty days, excluding professional  
12 development days and other non-instructional days  
13 negotiated pursuant to chapter 89, that shall include:

14 [~~+1~~] (A) Nine hundred fifteen student instructional hours  
15 for the elementary school grades; and

16 [~~+2~~] (B) Nine hundred ninety student instructional hours  
17 for the secondary school grades~~[,]~~; and

18 (2) All multi-track schools shall implement a school year  
19 of at least:

20 (A) Nine hundred fifteen student instructional hours  
21 for the elementary school grades; and



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

3            (b) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, for the  
4 2013-2015 school years [~~7~~, ~~all~~]:

5            (1) All public schools, except charter schools [~~7~~] and  
6            multi-track schools, shall implement a school year of  
7            one hundred eighty days, excluding professional  
8            development days and other non-instructional days  
9            negotiated pursuant to chapter 89, that shall include  
10           one thousand eighty student instructional hours for  
11           both elementary and secondary school grades [~~7~~]; and

12           (2) All multi-track schools shall implement a school year  
13           of at least one thousand eighty student instructional  
14           hours for both elementary and secondary school  
15           grades."

16           SECTION 3. Act 167, Session Laws of Hawaii 2010, is  
17 amended by amending section 4 to read as follows:

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



1 2012, a plan to implement a school year of one hundred ninety  
2 days, excluding professional development days and other non-  
3 instructional days negotiated pursuant to chapter 89, Hawaii  
4 Revised Statutes, that shall include one thousand one hundred  
5 forty student instructional hours for both elementary and  
6 secondary school grades at all public schools, except charter  
7 schools[~~r~~] and multi-track schools, for school years beginning  
8 with the 2015-2016 school year.

9 For purposes of this section, "student instructional hours"  
10 shall have the same meaning as in section 302A-251, Hawaii  
11 Revised Statutes."

12 SECTION 4. The department of education, with the board of  
13 education and office of the governor, and in consultation with  
14 representatives of the affected collective bargaining units,  
15 shall submit to the legislature, no later than twenty days prior  
16 to the convening of the regular session of 2012, a plan to  
17 implement a school year of \_\_\_\_\_ student instructional  
18 hours for both elementary and secondary school grades at all  
19 public multi-track schools, for school years beginning with the  
20 2015-2016 school year.



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

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

6 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.  
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**Report Title:**

Public Schools; Multi-Track Schools; Minimum Instructional Days and Hours

**Description:**

Eliminates the minimum instructional days requirement for multi-track schools, but maintains the minimum instructional hours requirement.

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