
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO INSTRUCTIONAL TIME.

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, beginning with
5 the 2011-2013 school years, all public schools, excluding
6 charter schools and multi-track public schools, shall implement
7 a school year of one hundred eighty days, excluding professional
8 development days and other non-instructional days negotiated
9 pursuant to chapter 89.

10 (b) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary:

11 (1) For the 2011-2012 school year, fifty per cent of all
12 public elementary schools in the State, excluding
13 charter schools and multi-track public schools, shall
14 implement a school year that includes nine hundred
15 fifteen student instructional hours; and

16 (2) Beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, all public
17 elementary schools in the State, excluding charter
18 schools and multi-track public schools, shall



1 implement a school year that includes nine hundred
2 fifteen student instructional hours.

3 (c) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, for the
4 2014-2016 school years, all public secondary schools, excluding
5 charter schools and multi-track public schools, shall implement
6 a school year that includes nine hundred ninety student
7 instructional hours.

8 (d) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, [~~for~~
9 ~~the 2016-2018 school years,~~] beginning no later than the 2014-
10 2015 school year, all public schools, excluding charter schools
11 and multi-track public schools, shall [~~implement a school year~~
12 ~~of one hundred eighty days, excluding professional development~~
13 ~~days and other non-instructional days negotiated pursuant to~~
14 ~~chapter 89, that shall include one thousand eighty student~~
15 ~~instructional hours for both elementary and secondary school~~
16 ~~grades.] maintain standard instructional periods by implementing
17 a bell schedule devised by the department under subsection (e).~~

18 (e) The department shall devise up to four standard bell
19 schedules each for elementary, middle, and high schools. A
20 school shall have the discretion to implement one of the
21 available bell schedules. This section shall not apply to
22 charter schools or multi-track public schools.



1 ~~[(e)]~~ (f) The board, in its discretion, may grant a waiver
2 to any individual school subject to the student instructional
3 hours, standard instructional periods, or one hundred eighty day
4 school year requirements in this section. The board shall adopt
5 policies and procedures to grant a waiver under this subsection.

6 ~~[(f)]~~ (g) For purposes of this section, "student
7 instructional hours" means ~~[student]~~:

8 (1) Student learning time in elementary schools during
9 which students are engaged in learning activities,
10 including regularly-scheduled instruction, project-
11 based learning assignments, technology-assisted
12 learning, and learning assessments within the
13 curriculum[, and does]; provided that "student
14 instructional hours" for elementary schools shall not
15 include lunch, recess, [or passing time.] pre- and
16 post-school teacher time, planning time, or any other
17 time that is not instructional unless there is a
18 related general learner outcome attached to such time;
19 and

20 (2) Student learning time in secondary schools during
21 which students are engaged in learning activities,
22 including regularly scheduled instruction, project-



1 based learning assignments, technology-assisted
2 learning, and learning assessments within the
3 curriculum; provided that for the purposes of
4 determining the adequacy of instructional time,
5 "student instructional hours" may include:
6 (A) Presentations by persons other than teachers;
7 (B) Directed study;
8 (C) Time spent in homeroom; provided that this time
9 shall account for no more than fifteen minutes a
10 day;
11 (D) Student advisory time; provided that this time
12 shall account for no more than forty-five minutes
13 a week; and
14 (E) Statewide performance assessments;
15 provided further that "student instructional hours"
16 for secondary schools shall not include time during
17 which a student is at lunch; passing between classes;
18 at recess; in non-directed study periods; in optional
19 school programs, such as activity clubs, sports, and
20 non-academic assemblies; pre- and post-school teacher
21 time, planning time; or any other time that is not

1 instructional unless there is a related general
2 learner outcome attached to such time.

3 ~~(g)~~ (h) The department of education, with the board of
4 education and office of the governor, and in consultation with
5 representatives of the affected collective bargaining units,
6 shall submit to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
7 to the convening of the regular sessions of 2013, 2014, and
8 2015, [~~2016, 2017, and 2018,~~] a report on its progress and
9 efforts to meet the requirements of subsections (a), (b), (c),
10 and (d)."

11 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
12 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

13 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

Instructional Time; Bell Schedules

Description:

Requires the Department of Education to devise four bell schedules each for elementary, middle, and high schools, except for charter schools and public multi-track schools. Repeals the general requirement that all public schools except charter schools and multi-track public schools include one thousand eighty student instructional hours for the 2016-2018 school years. (HB2007 HD1)

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