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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO INSTRUCTIONAL TIME.

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

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
3 and to read as follows:

4           "§302A- Bell schedules. The department shall devise up  
5 to four standard bell schedule options for elementary, middle,  
6 and high schools. A school shall have the discretion to  
7 implement one of the available bell schedules for each grade  
8 level. This section shall not apply to charter schools or  
9 multi-track public schools."

10          SECTION 2. Section 302A-251, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
11 amended by amending subsections (d) to (g) to read as follows:

12          "(d) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, [~~for~~  
13 ~~the 2016-2018 school years,~~] beginning no later than the 2014-  
14 2015 school year, all public schools, excluding charter schools  
15 and multi-track public schools, shall [~~implement a school year~~  
16 ~~of one hundred eighty days, excluding professional development~~  
17 ~~days and other non-instructional days negotiated pursuant to~~  
18 ~~chapter 89, that shall include one thousand eighty student~~



1 ~~instructional hours for both elementary and secondary school~~  
 2 ~~grades.]~~ maintain standard instructional periods by implementing  
 3 a bell schedule devised by the department under section  
 4 302A- .

5 (e) The board, in its discretion, may grant a waiver to  
 6 any individual school subject to the student instructional  
 7 hours, standard instructional periods, or one hundred eighty day  
 8 school year requirements in this section. The board shall adopt  
 9 policies and procedures to grant a waiver under this subsection.

10 (f) For purposes of this section, "student instructional  
 11 hours" means [~~student~~]:

12 (1) Student learning time in elementary schools during  
 13 which students are engaged in learning activities,  
 14 including [~~regularly scheduled~~] regularly scheduled  
 15 instruction [and], project-based learning assignments,  
 16 technology-assisted learning, learning assessments  
 17 within the curriculum[~~, and does not include lunch,~~  
 18 recess, or passing time.], and all other activities in  
 19 which there is a related general learner outcome  
 20 attached to such time; and

21 (2) Student learning time in secondary schools during  
 22 which students are engaged in learning activities,



1 including regularly scheduled instruction, project-  
2 based learning assignments, technology-assisted  
3 learning, and learning assessments within the  
4 curriculum; provided that for the purposes of  
5 determining the adequacy of instructional time for  
6 secondary schools, "student instructional hours" may  
7 include:

8 (A) Presentations by persons other than teachers;

9 (B) Directed study;

10 (C) Time spent in homeroom;

11 (D) Student advisory time;

12 (E) Statewide performance assessment; and

13 (F) All other activities in which there is a related  
14 general learner outcome attached to such time.

15 (g) The department of education, with the board of  
16 education and office of the governor, and in consultation with  
17 representatives of the affected collective bargaining units,  
18 shall submit to the legislature no later than twenty days prior  
19 to the convening of the regular sessions of 2013, 2014, and  
20 2015, [~~2016, 2017, and 2018,~~] a report on its progress and  
21 efforts to meet the requirements of subsections (a), (b), (c),  
22 and (d)."



1 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3 SECTION 4. 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 for elementary, middle, and high schools to standardize instructional periods across all schools, with the exception of charter schools and multi-track public schools. Requires each school to choose one of the available bell schedules for each grade level. Amends the definition of "student instructional hours" for elementary and secondary schools. (SD1)

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