
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 as follows:

3 1. By amending subsections (b) to (d) to read:

4 "(b) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary:

- 5 (1) For the 2011-2012 school year, fifty per cent of all
6 public elementary schools in the State, excluding
7 charter schools and multi-track public schools, shall
8 implement a school year that includes no less than
9 nine hundred fifteen student instructional hours; and
10 (2) Beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, all public
11 elementary schools in the State, excluding charter
12 schools and multi-track public schools, shall
13 implement a school year that includes no less than
14 nine hundred fifteen student instructional hours.

15 (c) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, for the
16 2014-2016 school years, all public secondary schools, excluding
17 charter schools and multi-track public schools, shall implement



1 a school year that includes no less than nine hundred ninety
2 student instructional hours.

3 (d) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, for the
4 2016-2018 school years, all public schools, excluding charter
5 schools and multi-track public schools, shall implement a school
6 year of one hundred eighty days, excluding professional
7 development days and other non-instructional days negotiated
8 pursuant to chapter 89, that shall include no less than one
9 thousand eighty student instructional hours for both elementary
10 and secondary school grades."

11 2. By amending subsection (f) to read:

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

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



- 1 (2) Student learning time in secondary schools during
2 which students are engaged in learning activities,
3 including regularly scheduled instruction, project-
4 based learning assignments, technology-assisted
5 learning, and learning assessments within the
6 curriculum; provided that for purposes of determining
7 instructional hours for secondary schools, "student
8 instructional hours" may include time spent for
9 activities related to general learner outcomes, such
10 as:
- 11 (A) Educational or curriculum-based presentations by
12 persons other than teachers;
- 13 (B) Directed study projects;
- 14 (C) Time spent in homeroom;
- 15 (D) Student advisory time; and
- 16 (E) Statewide performance assessments."

17 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
18 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

19 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2030.



Report Title:

Education; Instructional Hours

Description:

Amends the definition of "student instructional hours" for elementary and secondary schools. Clarifies that statutorily established student instructional hour requirements are minimum requirements. Effective July 1, 2030. (SB238 HD2)

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