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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. 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        the adequacy of instructional time for secondary  
 8        schools, "student instructional hours" may include  
 9        activities related to general learner outcomes, such

10        as:

- 11        (A) Presentations by persons other than teachers;
- 12        (B) Directed study;
- 13        (C) Time spent in homeroom;
- 14        (D) Student advisory time; and
- 15        (E) Statewide performance assessments."

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  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

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



**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. (SB238 HD1)

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