

HOUSE BILL NO. 1490

Introduced by

Representatives D. Johnson, Delmore, Monson, Nowatzki

Senators Tomac, Wanzek

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15-47-33 of the North Dakota Century Code, or
2 in the alternative to amend and reenact section 15.1-06-04 of the North Dakota Century Code,
3 relating to length of the school year.

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** If House Bill No. 1034 does not become effective, section
6 15-47-33 of the 1997 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and
7 reenacted as follows:

8 **15-47-33. Length of elementary and secondary school year term.**

9 1. All elementary and secondary schools in this state shall provide for a school term
10 of at least one hundred eighty days apportioned as follows:

- 11 a. One hundred seventy-three full days of instruction;
- 12 b. Three holidays listed in subsections 2 through 10 of section 15-38-04.1
13 selected by the school board in consultation with district teachers;
- 14 c. Two days for the attendance of teachers at the North Dakota education
15 association instructional conference; and
- 16 d. Up to two full days during which parent-teacher conferences are held, or
17 which are deemed by the school board to be compensatory time for
18 parent-teacher conferences held outside normal school hours.

19 2. A full day of instruction:

- 20 a. Consists of at least five and one-half hours of instruction time for elementary
21 students; and
- 22 b. Consists of at least six hours of instruction time for high school students.

23 3. Weather-related school closures may account for up to two full days of classroom
24 instruction.

1 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-06-04 of the North Dakota Century Code as
2 created by House Bill No. 1034, as approved by the fifty-sixth legislative assembly, is amended
3 and reenacted as follows:

4 **15.1-06-04. School calendar - Length.**

5 1. During each school year, a school district shall provide for a school calendar of at
6 least one hundred eighty days, apportioned as follows:

7 a. One hundred seventy-three full days of instruction;

8 b. Three holidays listed in subdivisions b through j of subsection 1 of section
9 15.1-06-02 and selected by the school board in consultation with district
10 teachers;

11 c. Two days for the attendance of teachers at the North Dakota education
12 association instructional conference; and

13 d. Up to two full days during which parent-teacher conferences are held or which
14 are deemed by the school board to be compensatory time for parent-teacher
15 conferences held outside regular school hours.

16 2. A full day of instruction consists of:

17 a. At least five and one-half hours of instruction time for elementary students;
18 and

19 b. At least six hours of instruction time for high school students.

20 3. Weather-related school closures may account for up to two full days of classroom
21 instruction.