

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with House Amendments**

Fifty-sixth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2344

Introduced by

Senator Freborg

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 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,
6 Section 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, during which time the students are required to be in attendance for
22 the purpose of receiving curricular instruction; and

- 1 b. Consists of at least six hours ~~of instruction time~~ for high school students,
2 during which time the students are required to be in attendance for the
3 purpose of receiving curricular instruction.
- 4 3. Daily instruction time in excess of five hours and thirty minutes for elementary
5 students and six hours for high school students may be aggregated, after a
6 weather-related closure, to make up for up to six hours of instruction time lost
7 during a school year because of a weather-related school closure, if the school's
8 calendar provides for instruction time that exceeds the minimum required hours of
9 instruction by at least fifteen minutes during each of the one hundred seventy-three
10 full days of instruction.

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

14 **15.1-06-04. School calendar - Length.**

- 15 1. During each school year, a school district shall provide for a school calendar of at
16 least one hundred eighty days, apportioned as follows:
- 17 a. One hundred seventy-three full days of instruction;
- 18 b. Three holidays listed in subdivisions b through j of subsection 1 of section
19 15.1-06-02 and selected by the school board in consultation with district
20 teachers;
- 21 c. Two days for the attendance of teachers at the North Dakota education
22 association instructional conference; and
- 23 d. Up to two full days during which parent-teacher conferences are held or which
24 are deemed by the school board to be compensatory time for parent-teacher
25 conferences held outside regular school hours.
- 26 2. A full day of instruction consists of:
- 27 a. At least five and one-half hours ~~of instruction time~~ for elementary students,
28 during which time the students are required to be in attendance for the
29 purpose of receiving curricular instruction; and

- 1 b. At least six hours ~~of instruction time~~ for high school students, during which
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