Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly, State of North Dakota, begun in the Capitol in the City of Bismarck, on Tuesday, the fifth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine

SENATE BILL NO. 2344
(Senator Freborg)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 15-47-33 of the North Dakota Century Code, or in the alternative to amend and reenact section 15.1-06-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to length of the school year.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

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

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

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

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

    b. Three holidays listed in subsections 2 through 10 of section 15-38-04.1 selected by the school board in consultation with district teachers;

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

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

2. A full day of instruction:

    a. Consists of at least five and one-half hours of instruction time for elementary students; and

    b. Consists of at least six hours of instruction time for high school students.

3. If because of weather a school must dismiss before completing a full day of instruction, the school is responsible for making up only those hours and portions of an hour between the time of early dismissal and the conclusion of a full day of classroom instruction.

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

15.1-06-04. School calendar - Length.

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

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

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

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

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

2.   A full day of instruction consists of:

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

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

3.   If because of weather a school must dismiss before completing a full day of instruction, the school is responsible for making up only those hours and portions of an hour between the time of early dismissal and the conclusion of a full day of classroom instruction.

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President of the Senate   Speaker of the House

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Secretary of the Senate   Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2344.

Senate Vote: Yeas   47   Nays   0   Absent   2

House Vote: Yeas   85   Nays   10   Absent   3

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Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 1999.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 1999.

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Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 1999,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

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Secretary of State