

HOUSE BILL NO. 1489

Introduced by

Representatives D. Johnson, Delmore, Monson, Nowatzki

Senators Tomac, Wardner

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, except that a period of
12 time equivalent to three full days may be used for staff development,
13 curriculum development, or school closures due to weather, provided that on
14 each day used for these purposes students still receive two-thirds of a full day
15 of instruction;
 - 16 b. Three holidays listed in subsections 2 through 10 of section 15-38-04.1
17 selected by the school board in consultation with district teachers;
 - 18 c. Two days for the attendance of teachers at the North Dakota education
19 association instructional conference; and
 - 20 d. Up to two full days during which parent-teacher conferences are held, or
21 which are deemed by the school board to be compensatory time for
22 parent-teacher conferences held outside normal school hours.
- 23 2. A full day of instruction:

- 1 a. Consists of at least five and one-half hours of instruction time for elementary
2 students; and
3 b. Consists of at least six hours of instruction time for high school students.

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

7 **15.1-06-04. School calendar - Length.**

- 8 1. During each school year, a school district shall provide for a school calendar of at
9 least one hundred eighty days, apportioned as follows:
- 10 a. One hundred seventy-three full days of instruction, except that a period of
11 time equivalent to three full days may be used for staff development,
12 curriculum development, or school closures due to weather, provided that on
13 each day used for these purposes students still receive two-thirds of a full day
14 of instruction;
- 15 b. Three holidays listed in subdivisions b through j of subsection 1 of section
16 15.1-06-02 and selected by the school board in consultation with district
17 teachers;
- 18 c. Two days for the attendance of teachers at the North Dakota education
19 association instructional conference; and
- 20 d. Up to two full days during which parent-teacher conferences are held or which
21 are deemed by the school board to be compensatory time for parent-teacher
22 conferences held outside regular school hours.
- 23 2. A full day of instruction consists of:
- 24 a. At least five and one-half hours of instruction time for elementary students;
25 and
26 b. At least six hours of instruction time for high school students.