

**SENATE BILL NO. 2222**

Introduced by

Senators Thane, Bowman, Triplett

Representatives Galvin, Kaldor, Sitte

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-06-04 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to the commencement of the elementary and secondary school year; and to provide an  
3 effective date.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-06-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 amended 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;

11 b. Three holidays listed in subdivisions b through j of subsection 1 of section  
12 15.1-06-02 and selected by the school board in consultation with district  
13 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 which  
17 are deemed by the school board to be compensatory time for parent-teacher  
18 conferences held outside regular school hours.

19 2. The school calendar may begin no earlier than the first Tuesday after the first  
20 Monday in September.

21 3. A full day of instruction consists of:

22 a. At least five and one-half hours for elementary students, during which time the  
23 students are required to be in attendance for the purpose of receiving  
24 curricular instruction; and

1                   b.    At least six hours for high school students, during which time the students are  
2                                required to be in attendance for the purpose of receiving curricular instruction.

3       ~~3.~~ 4.    If a school's calendar provides for an extension of each schoolday beyond the  
4                                statutorily required minimum number of hours, and if the extensions when  
5                                aggregated over an entire school year amount to more than eighty-four hours of  
6                                additional classroom instruction during the school year, the school is exempt from  
7                                having to make up six hours of instruction time lost as a result of weather-related  
8                                closure. In order to make up lost classroom instruction time beyond the six hours,  
9                                the school must extend its normal school calendar day by at least thirty minutes.

10       ~~4.~~ 5.    A school that does not qualify under the provisions of subsection 3 must extend its  
11                                normal schoolday by at least thirty minutes to make up classroom instruction time  
12                                lost as a result of weather-related closure.

13       ~~5.~~ 6.    If because of weather a school must dismiss before completing a full day of  
14                                instruction, the school is responsible for making up only those hours and portions  
15                                of an hour between the time of early dismissal and the conclusion of a full day of  
16                                classroom instruction.

17       **SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act becomes effective on July 1, 2006.