

Fifty-sixth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED 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.

- 1 3. Instruction time exceeding the minimum number of hours per day required for a full
2 day of instruction may be used to compensate for up to six hours of
3 weather-related school closures.

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;
- 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. A full day of instruction consists of:
- 20 a. At least five and one-half hours of instruction time for elementary students;
21 and
- 22 b. At least six hours of instruction time for high school students.
- 23 3. Instruction time exceeding the minimum number of hours per day required for a full
24 day of instruction may be used to compensate for up to six hours of
25 weather-related school closures.