

**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.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

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

Secretary of the Senate

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

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 1999.

Governor

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

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Secretary of State