

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with Senate Amendments**

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, during which time the students are required to be in attendance for
22 the purpose of receiving curricular instruction; and

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

3. Daily instruction time in excess of five hours and thirty minutes for elementary students and six hours for high school students may be aggregated, after a weather-related closure, to make up for up to six hours of instruction time lost during a school year because of a weather-related school closure, if the school's calendar provides for instruction time that exceeds the minimum required hours of instruction by at least fifteen minutes during each of the one hundred seventy-three full days of instruction. If the school's calendar does not provide for instructional time that exceeds the minimum required hours of instruction by at least fifteen minutes during each of the one hundred seventy-three full days of instruction, any extension of a normal schoolday to make up for time lost as a result of a weather-related closure must have a duration of at least thirty minutes.

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:

- 1 a. At least five and one-half hours ~~of instruction time~~ for elementary students,
2 during which time the students are required to be in attendance for the
3 purpose of receiving curricular instruction; and
- 4 b. At least six hours ~~of instruction time~~ for high school students, during which
5 time the students are required to be in attendance for the purpose of receiving
6 curricular instruction.
- 7 3. Daily instruction time in excess of five hours and thirty minutes for elementary
8 students and six hours for high school students may be aggregated, after a
9 weather-related closure, to make up for up to six hours of instruction time lost
10 during a school year because of a weather-related school closure, if the school's
11 calendar provides for instruction time that exceeds the minimum required hours of
12 instruction by at least fifteen minutes during each of the one hundred seventy-three
13 full days of instruction. If the school's calendar does not provide for instructional
14 time that exceeds the minimum required hours of instruction by at least fifteen
15 minutes during each of the one hundred seventy-three full days of instruction, any
16 extension of a normal schoolday to make up for time lost as a result of a
17 weather-related closure must have a duration of at least thirty minutes.