

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1361**

Introduced by

Representatives Grumbo, Eckre, Gulleson, Koppang

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-06-04 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to discretionary days in the school calendar.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-06-04 of the 1999 Supplement to the North  
5 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **15.1-06-04. School calendar - Length.**

7 1. During each school year, a school district shall provide for a school calendar of at  
8 least one hundred eighty days, apportioned as follows:

- 9 a. One hundred seventy-three full days of instruction;  
10 b. Three holidays listed in subdivisions b through j of subsection 1 of section  
11 15.1-06-02 and selected by the school board in consultation with district  
12 teachers;  
13 c. Two days for the attendance of teachers at the North Dakota education  
14 association instructional conference; and  
15 d. Up to two full days during which parent-teacher conferences are held or which  
16 are deemed by the school board to be compensatory time for parent-teacher  
17 conferences held outside regular school hours.

- 18 2. A full day of instruction consists of:  
19 a. At least five and one-half hours for elementary students, during which time the  
20 students are required to be in attendance for the purpose of receiving  
21 curricular instruction; and  
22 b. At least six hours for high school students, during which time the students are  
23 required to be in attendance for the purpose of receiving curricular instruction.

- 1           3. ~~If a school's calendar provides for an extension of each schoolday beyond the~~  
2           ~~statutorily required minimum number of hours, and if the extensions when~~  
3           ~~aggregated over an entire school year amount to more than eighty-four hours of~~  
4           ~~additional classroom instruction during the school year, the school is exempt from~~  
5           ~~having to make up six hours of instruction time lost as a result of weather-related~~  
6           ~~closure. In order to make up lost classroom instruction time beyond the six hours,~~  
7           ~~the school must extend its normal school calendar day by at least thirty minutes.~~
- 8           4. ~~A school that does not qualify under the provisions of subsection 3 must extend its~~  
9           ~~normal schoolday by at least thirty minutes to make up classroom instruction time~~  
10          ~~lost as a result of weather-related closure.~~
- 11          5. ~~If because of weather a school must dismiss before completing a full day of~~  
12          ~~instruction, the school is responsible for making up only those hours and portions~~  
13          ~~of an hour between the time of early dismissal and the conclusion of a full day of~~  
14          ~~classroom instruction.~~
- 15          a. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, up to twelve hours of the  
16             requisite one hundred seventy-three full days of instruction must be  
17             considered as discretionary hours. The superintendent of a school district  
18             may determine the manner in which the discretionary hours will be used,  
19             provided the discretionary hours are used only for teacher inservice activities  
20             and weather-related early dismissals or late starts.
- 21          b. If the superintendent of a school district uses any discretionary hours as  
22             provided under this section, the superintendent shall file a report with the  
23             board of the school district detailing the number of discretionary hours used  
24             and the purpose for which the hours were used. After reviewing the report,  
25             the board shall forward a copy of the report to the superintendent of public  
26             instruction.