

Sixtieth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2184

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 15.1-06-04 and section
2 15.1-20-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to school calendars and compulsory
3 attendance; and to provide an effective date.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 15.1-06-04 of the North Dakota
6 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 7 1. a. During ~~each~~ the 2007-08 school year, a school district shall provide for a
8 school calendar of at least one hundred eighty days, apportioned as follows:
- 9 ~~a.~~ (1) One hundred seventy-three full days of instruction;
- 10 ~~b.~~ (2) Three holidays listed in subdivisions b through j of subsection 1 of
11 section 15.1-06-02 and selected by the school board in consultation
12 with district teachers;
- 13 ~~c.~~ (3) Up to two full days during which parent-teacher conferences are held or
14 which are deemed by the school board to be compensatory time for
15 parent-teacher conferences held outside regular school hours; and
- 16 ~~d.~~ (4) Two days for professional development activities.
- 17 b. During the 2008-09 school year, a school district shall provide for a school
18 calendar of at least one hundred eighty-one days, apportioned as follows:
- 19 (1) One hundred seventy-four full days of instruction;
- 20 (2) Three holidays listed in subdivisions b through j of subsection 1 of
21 section 15.1-06-02 and selected by the school board in consultation
22 with district teachers;

(3) 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; and

(4) Two days for professional development activities.

c. During the 2009-10 school year, a school district shall provide for a school calendar of at least one hundred eighty-two days, apportioned as follows:

(1) One hundred seventy-five full days of instruction;

(2) 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;

(3) 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; and

(4) Two days for professional development activities.

d. During the 2010-11 school year, and each year thereafter, a school district shall provide for a school calendar of at least one hundred eighty-three days, apportioned as follows:

(1) One hundred seventy-six full days of instruction;

(2) 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;

(3) 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; and

(4) Two days for professional development activities.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Section 15.1-20-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15.1-20-01. Compulsory attendance.

1. Any person having responsibility for a child between the ages of seven and ~~sixteen~~ eighteen years shall ensure that the child is in attendance at a public school for the duration of each school year.

2. If a person enrolls a child of age six in a public school, the person shall ensure that the child is in attendance at the public school for the duration of each school year.

The person may withdraw a child of age six from the public school. However, once the child is withdrawn, the person may not reenroll the child until the following school year. This subsection does not apply if the reason for the withdrawal is the child's relocation to another school district.

3. This section does not apply if to a child is exempted under the provisions of section 15.1-20-02 or to a child who ceased attendance in accordance with subsection 1 as it existed on December 31, 2008.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. Section 2 of this Act becomes effective beginning January 1, 2009.