

**SENATE BILL NO. 2344**

Introduced by

Senator Freborg

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.

23 3. If because of weather a school must dismiss before completing a full day of  
24 instruction, the school is responsible for making up only those hours and portions

1                   of an hour between the time of early dismissal and the conclusion of a full day of  
2                   classroom instruction.

3                   **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-06-04 of the North Dakota Century Code as  
4 created by House Bill No. 1034, as approved by the fifty-sixth legislative assembly, is amended  
5 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 of instruction time for elementary students;  
20 and

21                  b. At least six hours of instruction time for high school students.

22                  3. If because of weather a school must dismiss before completing a full day of  
23 instruction, the school is responsible for making up only those hours and portions  
24 of an hour between the time of early dismissal and the conclusion of a full day of  
25 classroom instruction.