

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT  
with House Amendments**

Fifty-sixth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**ENGROSSED 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 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,  
6 Section 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

- 1           b. ~~Consists of at least six hours of instruction time~~ for high school students,  
2           during which time the students are required to be in attendance for the  
3           purpose of receiving curricular instruction.
- 4           3. Daily instruction time in excess of five hours and thirty minutes for elementary  
5           students and six hours for high school students may be aggregated, after a  
6           weather-related closure, to make up for up to six hours of instruction time lost  
7           during a school year because of a weather-related school closure, if the school's  
8           calendar provides for instruction time that exceeds the minimum required hours of  
9           instruction by at least fifteen minutes during each of the one hundred seventy-three  
10          full days of instruction.

11           **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-06-04 of the North Dakota Century Code as  
12          created by House Bill No. 1034, as approved by the fifty-sixth legislative assembly, is amended  
13          and reenacted as follows:

14           **15.1-06-04. School calendar - Length.**

- 15          1. During each school year, a school district shall provide for a school calendar of at  
16          least one hundred eighty days, apportioned as follows:
- 17           a. One hundred seventy-three full days of instruction;
- 18           b. Three holidays listed in subdivisions b through j of subsection 1 of section  
19           15.1-06-02 and selected by the school board in consultation with district  
20           teachers;
- 21           c. Two days for the attendance of teachers at the North Dakota education  
22           association instructional conference; and
- 23           d. Up to two full days during which parent-teacher conferences are held or which  
24           are deemed by the school board to be compensatory time for parent-teacher  
25           conferences held outside regular school hours.
- 26          2. A full day of instruction consists of:
- 27           a. At least five and one-half hours ~~of instruction time~~ for elementary students,  
28           during which time the students are required to be in attendance for the  
29           purpose of receiving curricular instruction; and

- 1                   b.    At least six hours ~~of instruction time~~ for high school students, during which  
2                                   time the students are required to be in attendance for the purpose of receiving  
3                                   curricular instruction.
- 4                   3.    Daily instruction time in excess of five hours and thirty minutes for elementary  
5                                   students and six hours for high school students may be aggregated, after a  
6                                   weather-related closure, to make up for up to six hours of instruction time lost  
7                                   during a school year because of a weather-related school closure, if the school's  
8                                   calendar provides for instruction time that exceeds the minimum required hours of  
9                                   instruction by at least fifteen minutes during each of the one hundred seventy-three  
10                                  full days of instruction.