

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-06-04 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to making up instructional time if school is canceled due to a no travel advisory.

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

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

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

7 1. A school district shall provide for a school calendar that includes:

8 a. At least one hundred seventy-five days of instruction;

9 b. Three holidays, as selected by the board in consultation with district teachers  
10 from the list provided for in subdivisions b through j of subsection 1 of section  
11 15.1-06-02;

12 c. No more than two days for:

13 (1) Parent-teacher conferences; or

14 (2) Compensatory time for parent-teacher conferences held outside of regular  
15 school hours; and

16 d. At least two days of professional development.

17 2. a. A day of professional development must consist of:

18 (1) Six hours of professional development, exclusive of meals and other breaks,  
19 conducted within a single day;

20 (2) Six hours of cumulative professional development conducted under the  
21 auspices of a professional learning community; or

22 (3) Two four-hour periods of professional development, exclusive of meals and  
23 other breaks, conducted over two days.

- 1           b. If a school district offers a four-hour period of professional development, as  
2           permitted in this subsection, the school district may schedule instruction during  
3           other available hours on that same day and be credited with providing one-half  
4           day of instruction to students. This subdivision does not apply unless the one-half  
5           day of instruction equals at least one-half of the time required for a full day of  
6           instruction, as defined in this section.
- 7           3. If because of weather a school must dismiss before completing a full day of  
8           instruction, the school is responsible for making up only those hours and portions of an  
9           hour between the time of early dismissal and the conclusion of a full day of classroom  
10          instruction, except a school is not required to make up the time between early  
11          dismissal and the conclusion of a full day of classroom instruction if the dismissal was  
12          due a no-travel advisory by the national weather service for the area encompassing  
13          the school district.
- 14          4. For purposes of this section, a full day of instruction consists of:
- 15           a. At least five and one-half hours for kindergarten and elementary students, during  
16           which time the students are required to be in attendance for the purpose of  
17           receiving curricular instruction; and
- 18           b. At least six hours for high school students, during which time the students are  
19           required to be in attendance for the purpose of receiving curricular instruction.