A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SCHOOLS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Act 167, Session
Laws of Hawaii 2010, created mandatory instructional hour
requirements for public schools in response to instructional
time lost due to staff furloughs.

The legislature acknowledges that while Act 167 was well-5 6 intentioned, its mandate inhibited the autonomy of public 7 schools to create bell schedules that worked best for each 8 school's individual circumstances. The legislature believes that each public school has a unique student body and a unique 9 community that creates different challenges and opportunities 10 for each school. The legislature further finds that each public 11 12 school should have the autonomy and flexibility to determine its own school hours to meet these unique challenges. 13 The legislature notes that public charter schools already have this 14 authority and are exempt from the mandatory student hour 15 16 requirement of Act 167.



1	The purpose of this Act is to give each public school
2	principal the authority to determine student hour requirements
3	for their own school, based on each school's individual needs,
4	beginning with the 2018-2019 school year.
5	SECTION 2. Section 302A-251, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
6	amended to read as follows:
7	"§302A-251 School year[; student hours]. (a)
8	Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, beginning with
9	the 2011-2013 school years, all public schools, excluding
10	charter schools and multi-track public schools, shall implement
11	a school year of one hundred eighty days, excluding professional
12	development days and other non-instructional days negotiated
13	pursuant to chapter 89.
14	(b) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary:
15	(1) For the 2011-2012 school year, fifty per cent of all
16	public elementary schools in the State, excluding
17	charter schools and multi-track public schools, shall
18	implement a school year that includes nine hundred
19	fifteen student hours; and
20	(2) Beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, all public
21	elementary schools in the State, excluding charter



1 schools and multi-track public schools, shall 2 implement a school year that includes nine hundred 3 fifteen student hours. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, for the 4 (C) 2015-2016 school year, all public secondary schools, excluding 5 6 charter schools and multi-track public schools, shall implement 7 a school year that includes nine hundred ninety student hours. 8 Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, (d) 9 beginning with the 2016-2017 school year, all public schools, 10 excluding charter schools and multi-track public schools, shall 11 implement a school year of one hundred eighty days, excluding professional development days and other non-instructional days 12 13 negotiated pursuant to chapter 89, that shall include one 14 thousand eighty student hours for both elementary and secondary 15 school grades. (e) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, 16 beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, all public schools, 17 excluding charter schools and multi-track public schools, shall 18 19 implement a school year of one hundred eighty days, excluding 20 professional development days and other non-instructional days negotiated pursuant to chapter 89. The principal of each school 21



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shall determine that school's total number of student hours 1 required for each school year for both elementary and secondary 2 3 school grades. 4 $\left[\frac{(e)}{1}\right]$ (f) The board, in its discretion, may grant a waiver 5 to any individual school subject to the student hours or one 6 hundred eighty day school year requirements in this section. 7 The board shall adopt policies and procedures to grant a waiver 8 under this subsection. 9 [(f)] (q) For purposes of this section, "student hours" 10 shall be inclusive of the full school day in alignment with the 11 State's general learner outcomes. 12 $\left[\frac{(g)}{(g)}\right]$ (h) The department of education, with the board of education and office of the governor, and in consultation with 13 14 representatives of the affected collective bargaining units, shall submit to the legislature, no later than twenty days prior 15 16 to the convening of the regular sessions of 2013, 2014, 2015, 17 [and] 2016, and 2019, a report on its progress and efforts to meet the requirements of subsections (a) [, (b), (c), and (d).] 18 19 through (e)." SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed 20 21 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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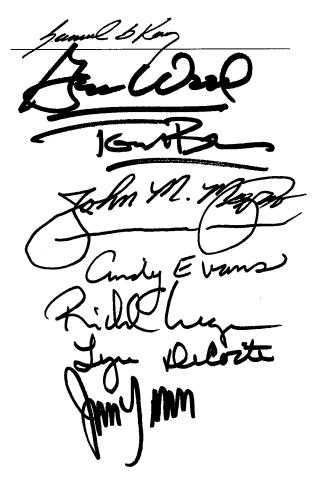
SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title: DOE; Education; Mandatory Student Hours

Description:

Removes mandatory student hour requirements for public schools, beginning with the 2018-2019 school year. Requires principals to determine the total number of student hours required for their school.

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