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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1607

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Education Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; modifying hours of instruction requirements; amending
1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 120A.41.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 120A.41, is amended to read:

1.6 120A.41 LENGTH OF SCHOOL YEAR; HOURS OF INSTRUCTION.

1.7 Subdivision 1. Calendar. (a) A school board's annual school calendar must include at
1.8 least 425 hours of instruction for a kindergarten student, 935 hours of instruction for a
1.9 student in grades 1 through 6, and 1,020 hours of instruction for a student in grades 7 through
1.10 12, not including summer school. The school calendar for all-day kindergarten must include
1.11 at least 850 hours of instruction for the school year. The school calendar for a prekindergarten
1.12 student under section 142D.08, if offered by the district, must include at least 350 hours of
1.13 instruction for the school year. A school board's annual calendar must include at least 165
1.14 days of instruction for a student in grades 1 through 11 unless a four-day week schedule
1.15 has been approved by the commissioner under section 124D.126.

1.16 (b) A school board's annual school calendar may include plans for up to five days of
1.17 instruction provided through online instruction due to inclement weather. The inclement
1.18 weather plans must be developed according to section 120A.414.

1.19 Subd. 2. Hours of instruction. (a) Hours of instruction in a secondary school includes
1.20 all educational experiences that:

1.21 (1) allow students to earn academic credit, as defined in section 120B.018;

1.22 (2) are available to all enrolled students; and

2.1 (3) are supervised, coordinated, and verified by a qualified teacher, as defined in section
2.2 122A.16.

2.3 (b) Educational experiences included in hours of instruction may:

2.4 (1) be included in any secondary school course of study prescribed by a school board
2.5 under section 123B.09; and

2.6 (2) occur outside the regular school day and week, but not outside the school year.

2.7 (c) Nothing in this subdivision allows a district to deny a student access to any service
2.8 or instruction required under state or federal law, including special education services.

2.9 (d) The Department of Education must regularly review and update its policies and
2.10 structures, including district reporting requirements, to ensure that the department's policies
2.11 and structures do not constrain districts from providing to students the range of educational
2.12 opportunities available under this subdivision.

2.13 (e) Nothing in this subdivision modifies pupil units under chapter 126C, or provides
2.14 additional pupil units for an educational experience included in hours of instruction.

2.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.