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604 Introduction and first reading
Referred to E-12 Policy

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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; providing for innovative instruction in inclement weather;
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 120A.41.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 120A.41, is amended to read:

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

1.7 (a) A school board's annual school calendar must include at least 425 hours of instruction
1.8 for a kindergarten student without a disability, 935 hours of instruction for a student in
1.9 grades 1 through 6, and 1,020 hours of instruction for a student in grades 7 through 12, not
1.10 including summer school. The school calendar for all-day kindergarten must include at least
1.11 850 hours of instruction for the school year. The school calendar for a prekindergarten
1.12 student under section 124D.151, if offered by the district, must include at least 350 hours
1.13 of instruction for the school year. A school board's annual calendar must include at least
1.14 165 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) To comply with paragraph (a), school districts may adopt policies to provide
1.17 innovative delivery of instruction to students when inclement weather or other factors beyond
1.18 the control of school administration interfere with normal school operations. A district
1.19 adopting a policy under this paragraph must make the policy available on its Web site at
1.20 the beginning of the school year.

1.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2017-2018 school year and later.