

**SENATE  
STATE OF MINNESOTA  
NINETY-SECOND SESSION**

**S.F. No. 3744**

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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
03/07/2022	5226	Introduction and first reading Referred to Education Finance and Policy
03/24/2022	5606a 5609	Comm report: To pass as amended Second reading

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to education; modifying hours of instruction requirements; amending

1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 120A.41.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, 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) 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 (c) For students in high school, hours of instruction include all hours when a school

1.20 board determines a student is actively engaged in the educational process of the district and

1.21 all other relevant programmatic statutory requirements are met. All courses must be

1.22 coordinated and verified by a qualified teacher, as defined in section 122A.16.

2.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2022-2023 school year and later.