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03/11/2019	764	Introduction and first reading Referred to E-12 Finance and Policy
03/04/2020	5153a	Comm report: To pass as amended
	5223	Second reading
	5238	Authors added Nelson; Eichorn; Clausen

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to education finance; extending the maximum number of e-learning days;

1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, sections 120A.41; 120A.414, subdivision 1.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, 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~~ ten days

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

2.1 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 120A.414, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

2.2 Subdivision 1. **Days.** "E-learning day" means a school day where a school offers full
2.3 access to online instruction provided by students' individual teachers due to inclement
2.4 weather. A school district or charter school that chooses to have e-learning days may have
2.5 up to ~~five~~ ten e-learning days in one school year. Up to ten additional e-learning days may
2.6 be used in the event of a public health emergency that causes the governor to authorize the
2.7 commissioner of education to alter school schedules, curtail school schedules, or order
2.8 schools closed under section 12.21. An e-learning day is counted as a day of instruction and
2.9 included in the hours of instruction under section 120A.41.

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