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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FIRST SESSION

H. F. No. 1614

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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; providing for school start times; amending Minnesota Statutes
1.3 2018, section 120A.41.

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; SCHOOL
1.7 START TIMES.

1.8 (a) A school board's annual school calendar must include at least 425 hours of instruction
1.9 for a kindergarten student without a disability, 935 hours of instruction for a student in
1.10 grades 1 through 6, and 1,020 hours of instruction for a student in grades 7 through 12, not
1.11 including summer school. The school calendar for all-day kindergarten must include at least
1.12 850 hours of instruction for the school year. The school calendar for a prekindergarten
1.13 student under section 124D.151, if offered by the district, must include at least 350 hours
1.14 of instruction for the school year. A school board's annual calendar must include at least
1.15 165 days of instruction for a student in grades 1 through 11 unless a four-day week schedule
1.16 has been approved by the commissioner under section 124D.126.

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

1.20 (c) A school board must not establish a start time before 8:30 a.m. for secondary schools
1.21 in the district. A school board must not establish a school transportation schedule with a
1.22 bus pickup time before 7:00 a.m. for elementary school students in the district.

2.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2021-2022 school year and later.