

State of South Dakota

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1253

Introduced by: Representatives Garnos, Hennies, and McLaughlin and Senator Kooistra

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to increase the minimum number of hours in a school term.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

3 Section 1. That § 13-26-1 be amended to read as follows:

4 13-26-1. The school fiscal year shall begin July first and end June thirtieth. Each local
5 school board shall set the number of days in a school term, the length of a school day, and the
6 number of school days in a school week. The local school board or governing body shall
7 establish the number of hours in the school term for kindergarten programs. The Board of
8 Education shall promulgate rules pursuant to chapter 1-26 setting the minimum number of hours
9 in the school term for grades one through three. The number of hours in the school term for
10 grades four through twelve may not be less than ~~nine hundred sixty-two and one-half~~ nine
11 hundred ninety hours, exclusive of intermissions. An intermission is the time when pupils are
12 at recess or lunch.

13 Section 2. Section 1 of this Act is effective on July 1, 2005.

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6 thousand seventeen and one-half hours, exclusive of intermissions. An intermission is the time
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8 Section 4. Section 3 of this Act is effective on July 1, 2007.