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1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to education; modifying the calculation of days and hours of instruction

1.3 for students affected by snow days during the 2018-2019 school year; requiring

1.4 affected school districts to report to the commissioner.

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

1.6 Section 1. **DAYS AND HOURS OF INSTRUCTION; 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR**

1.7 **SNOW DAYS.**

1.8 (a) If the governor declares a snow day under Minnesota Statutes, section 12.21,

1.9 subdivision 3, clause (11), or if a school district declares a snow day because of inclement

1.10 weather during the 2018-2019 school year only, the scheduled days and the hours of school

1.11 on that day may, by board resolution, be counted toward the required minimum number of

1.12 days of instruction in the school's annual calendar under Minnesota Statutes, section 120A.41;

1.13 minimum required hours of instruction and assessment for prekindergarten and kindergarten

1.14 pupils under Minnesota Statutes, section 126C.05, subdivision 1, paragraphs (c), (d), and

1.15 (i); and minimum required hours of instruction necessary to compute learning year hours

1.16 of instruction under Minnesota Statutes, section 126C.05, subdivision 15.

1.17 (b) If a school district would not have met the required minimum number of days and

1.18 hours of instruction for district students without the authority in paragraph (a), the district

1.19 must report to the commissioner of education in the form and manner determined by the

1.20 commissioner on the number of days and hours that the district counted under paragraph

1.21 (a) to meet the required days and hours of instruction. A district required to report under

1.22 this paragraph is encouraged to adopt an e-learning day plan under Minnesota Statutes,

1.23 section 120A.414.

2.1 (c) For the 2018-2019 school year only, for purposes of Minnesota Statutes, sections
2.2 122A.40, subdivision 5, paragraph (e), and 122A.41, subdivision 2, paragraph (d), the
2.3 minimum number of days of teacher service that a probationary teacher must complete
2.4 equals the difference between 120 days and the number of scheduled instructional days that
2.5 were canceled due to inclement weather and that the school board resolved to count as days
2.6 of instruction under Minnesota Statutes, section 120A.41.

2.7 (d)(1) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, for each day during the 2018-2019 school
2.8 year that school is canceled due to inclement weather and that the board resolves to count
2.9 as an instructional day under Minnesota Statutes, section 120A.41, a school district must
2.10 either (i) allow any school district employee the opportunity to work on another day that
2.11 the school district designates and must compensate the employee working on the designated
2.12 day at the employee's normal rate of pay; or (ii) compensate any school district employee
2.13 for each of the days not worked at the employee's normal rate of pay.

2.14 (2) This paragraph only applies to a school district employee who (i) was scheduled to
2.15 work on any or all of the days that school was canceled because of inclement weather; (ii)
2.16 did not work on any or all of those days; and (iii) did not receive compensation for those
2.17 days.

2.18 (e) Paragraph (d) only applies if the employment contract does not provide for school
2.19 closings due to inclement weather.

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