

Subject Instructional models

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Overview

This bill amends the hours of instruction requirement by expanding activities that count as hours of instruction, allows districts to provide distance instruction without approval from the Department of Education, and creates a working group to study distance instruction and make recommendations to the legislature.

Summary

Section	Description
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1	Length of school year; hours of instruction.
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Includes opportunities and services such as distance learning, service learning, and supervised internships in hours of instruction for purposes of meeting minimum hours of instruction requirements.

2	Distance instruction option.
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Subd. 1. Definition. Defines “distance instruction.”

Subd. 2. District option. Allows a district to offer a full-time distance instruction to its enrolled resident students, and to offer distance instruction without approval from the Department of Education. Allows a district to assign a student participating in full-time distance instruction to a school site for purposes of determining compensatory revenue pupil units and eligibility for free and reduced-price meals.

Effective date: This section is effective for the 2021-2022 school year and later.

3	Instruction model working group.
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Subd. 1. Working group. Establishes a working group to review distance and hybrid instruction and make recommendations to increase flexibility for school districts and charter schools to implement instruction models that meet students’ learning needs.

Section **Description**

Subd. 2. Definitions. Defines “distance instruction,” “hybrid instruction,” and “on-site instruction.”

Subd. 3. Duties. Requires the working group to study the outcomes, challenges, and successes of distance instruction during the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years. Requires the working group to report findings and recommendations. Requires the commissioner to provide the working group with technical assistance and access to data.

Subd. 4. Members. Requires the commissioner or the commissioner’s designee to be part of the working group, and to name members of the working group from particular groups.

Subd. 5. Meetings. Requires the commissioner to convene the first meeting, and provide technical and administrative assistance. Prohibits the working group from receiving expenses or per diem payments for serving on the working group.

Effective date: This section is effective the day following final enactment.



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