

# Chapter 5

2019 Regular Session

**Subject** Public K12 Schools: Days and hours of instruction 2018-2019 School Year

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## Overview

This act allows school districts and charter schools to count as instructional days, and in the calculation of average daily membership, certain days in the 2018-2019 school year when schools were closed due to health and safety concerns.

## Summary

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1	<b>School calendar adjustment; 2018-2019 school year</b>
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**Subd. 1. Required school days and hours.** Authorizes a school district or charter school that canceled school on one or more days during the 2018-2019 school year due to health and safety concerns to count those days as instructional days for purposes of calculating the number of hours and days in the school year and for the calculation of students in average daily membership. Requires a school board that counts any of these days as instructional days to compensate employees and contract employees in accordance with subdivisions 2 and 3. Encourages a school district to adopt an e-learning day plan under Minnesota Statutes, section 120A.414.

**Subd. 2. Instructional day; employees.** Requires a school district to either give employees who were scheduled to work, but did not work and did not receive compensation, on an instructional day canceled due to health and safety concerns during the 2018-2019 school year that was counted as an instructional day under subdivision 1 the opportunity to work on another day, or to compensate the employee for each of the qualifying days not worked at the employee's normal rate of pay.

**Subd. 3. Contracted employers.** Requires a school district that contracts to provide student services to fully compensate a contract employer for those services if that contractor agrees to compensate its regularly scheduled eligible employees for work hours lost due to school closings, either through direct pay or additional hours of work offered. Allows a school district and contract

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employer to adjust the full, regularly scheduled daily contract rate if special circumstances within the district warrant an adjustment.

**Subd. 4. Probationary teachers.** Reduces the number of days of teacher service that a probationary teacher must complete to obtain continuing contract status or tenure, for the 2018-2019 school year only, to equal the difference between 120 days and the number of scheduled instructional days that were canceled due to inclement weather.

**Subd. 5. Accounting.** Authorizes a school district to charge services paid under subdivision 2 or 3, including expenses recorded in the food service fund, to the same Uniform Financial Accounting and Reporting Standards object code to which the service is normally charged for an instructional day.



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