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Overview

This bill allows schools to provide online instruction during inclement weather.

Section

1 Length of school year; hours of instruction. Allows school boards to include plans for up to five days of instruction provided through online instruction due to inclement weather.

2 E-learning days.

Subd. 1. Days. Defines “E-learning day” as a school day where a school offers full access to online instruction due to inclement weather. An e-learning day is counted as a day of instruction.

Subd. 2. Plan. Requires the school board and exclusive representative of teachers to agree on e-learning plans, and allows charter schools to adopt the plans after consulting with teachers. Requires school boards and charter schools to adopt plans that include accommodations for students who lack access to internet at home or digital devices, and accessible options for children with disabilities.

Subd. 3. Annual notice. Requires school districts and charter schools to notify parents and students of the e-learning plan at the beginning of the school year.

Subd. 4. Daily notice. Requires school districts and charter schools to notify parents and students at least two hours before school start time that students need to follow e-learning day plan for the day.

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Subd. 5. Teacher access. Requires teachers to be accessible online and by telephone during normal school hours on e-learning days.

3 Average daily membership. Allows e-learning days to be counted the same as days when schools are in session for purposes of calculating average daily membership.