

HB 1180-FN – AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL            ***1180-FN***

AN ACT                relative to days of school.

SPONSORS:            Rep. A. Schmidt, Sull 1; Rep. Grenier, Sull 7

COMMITTEE:          Education

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ANALYSIS

This bill increases the minimum number of days of school from 180 to 190 and authorizes up to 10 of those days to be completed online in a manner to be determined by the school board.

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Explanation:          Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
                                Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~  
                                Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fourteen*

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*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1           1 School Boards, Transportation, and Instruction of Pupils; Days of Schools. Amend RSA 189:1  
2 to read as follows:

3           189:1 Days of School. The school board of every district shall provide standard schools for at  
4 least ~~[180]~~ **190** days in each year, or the equivalent number of hours as required in the rules of the  
5 department of education, at such places in the district as will best serve the interests of education  
6 and give to all the pupils within the district as nearly equal advantages as are practicable. ***Up to 10***  
7 ***of these days may be completed online in a manner to be determined by the school board.***

8           2 School Boards, Transportation, and Instruction of Pupils; Reduction of Time. Amend  
9 RSA 189:2 to read as follows:

10          189:2 Reduction of Time. If the school board of any district shall decide that, by reason of special  
11 conditions or circumstances, the maintenance of standard schools for ~~[180]~~ **190** days, or the  
12 equivalent number of hours if approved by the commissioner of the department of education, in said  
13 district is undesirable, said school board may so represent in writing to the state board. If, upon  
14 hearing, the state board, or the commissioner when authorized by the state board, shall be of the  
15 opinion that the representation is true, it may reduce the time of maintaining such schools in said  
16 district to such limits as it may deem wise. Provided, however, that the state board, or the  
17 commissioner if authorized, shall not reduce the days during which schools shall be in session, as  
18 provided in RSA 189:1, on account of workshops, conventions or teachers' institutes.

19          3 School Boards, Transportation, and Instruction of Pupils; Standard School. Amend  
20 RSA 189:24 to read as follows:

21          189:24 Standard School. A standard school is one approved by the state board of education, and  
22 maintained for at least ~~[180]~~ **190** days in each year, or the equivalent number of hours as required in  
23 the rules of the department of education, in a suitable and sanitary building, equipped with approved  
24 furniture, books, maps and other necessary appliances, taught by teachers, directed and supervised  
25 by a principal and a superintendent, each of whom shall hold valid educational credentials issued by  
26 the state board of education, with suitable provision for the care of the health and physical welfare of  
27 all pupils. A standard school shall provide instruction in all subjects prescribed by statute or by the  
28 state board of education for the grade level of pupils in attendance.

29          4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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**HB 1180-FN - FISCAL NOTE**

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**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The Department of Education states this bill, **as introduced**, would increase local expenditures by an indeterminable amount in FY 2014 and each year thereafter. There will be no impact on state, county and local revenues, or state and county expenditures.

**METHODOLOGY:**

The Department of Education states this bill would change the required number of school days from at least 180 days to at least 190, however up to 10 of the days may be completed online as determined by each respective school board. The Department states costs incurred in each school district as a result of this bill would depend if the respective school board opted to have the 10 additional days be in-school, online, or a combination of both. The Department estimates an increase of 10 days of in-school days could result in an approximate increase of 5% of annual operation costs including but not limited to pupil transportation, utilities, and personnel costs. If a school district opted for online instruction, the Department states costs would vary depending on the particular method of instruction, equipment and software needed, and other variables. Ultimately, the Department is unable to estimate the potential costs of this bill.