

# House File 498 - Introduced

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for year-round classes for kindergarten and  
2 grades one through five in school districts with three  
3 thousand or more students, and providing an applicability  
4 date.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 256.20A YEAR-ROUND ELEMENTARY  
1 2 SCHOOL CLASSES.

1 3 1. a. Notwithstanding section 279.10, relating to the  
1 4 maintenance of school during an entire year, the department of  
1 5 education shall direct the boards of directors of each school  
1 6 district with three thousand or more students to implement at  
1 7 least one year-round class each of kindergarten and grades one  
1 8 through five.

1 9 b. The number of days per year that year-round classes are  
1 10 in session shall equal the number of days specified for  
1 11 schools in section 279.10, subsection 1. The number of  
1 12 professional staffing hours shall also remain the same for  
1 13 year-round teachers and staff as regular school teachers and  
1 14 staff.

1 15 2. In order to implement subsection 1, school district  
1 16 officials may renegotiate a master contract entered into  
1 17 between the school district and a certified employee  
1 18 organization for an appropriate bargaining unit determined  
1 19 pursuant to chapter 20.

1 20 Sec. 2. STATE MANDATE FUNDING SPECIFIED. In accordance  
1 21 with section 25B.2, subsection 3, the state cost of requiring  
1 22 compliance with any state mandate included in this Act shall  
1 23 be paid by a school district from state school foundation aid  
1 24 received by the school district under section 257.16. This  
1 25 specification of the payment of the state cost shall be deemed  
1 26 to meet all the state funding-related requirements of section  
1 27 25B.2, subsection 3, and no additional state funding shall be  
1 28 necessary for the full implementation of this Act by and  
1 29 enforcement of this Act against all affected school districts.

1 30 Sec. 3. APPLICABILITY DATE. This Act applies to school  
1 31 years beginning on and after July 1, 2010.

1 32 EXPLANATION

1 33 This bill requires that the department of education direct  
1 34 the boards of directors of each school district with 3,000 or  
1 35 more students to have at least one year-round class each of  
2 1 kindergarten and grades one through five. The year-round  
2 2 school classes will have the same number of days as regular  
2 3 schools and professional staff for year-round classes will  
2 4 have the same professional staffing hour requirements.

2 5 The bill also authorizes school districts to renegotiate a  
2 6 master contract entered into between the district and a  
2 7 certified employee organization for a bargaining unit as  
2 8 necessary to implement the year-round classes.

2 9 The bill may include a state mandate as defined in Code  
2 10 section 25B.3. The bill requires that the state cost of any  
2 11 state mandate included in the bill be paid by a school  
2 12 district from state school foundation aid received by the  
2 13 school district under Code section 257.16. The specification  
2 14 is deemed to constitute state compliance with any state  
2 15 mandate funding-related requirements of Code section 25B.2.  
2 16 The inclusion of this specification is intended to reinstate

2 17 the requirement of political subdivisions to comply with any  
2 18 state mandates included in the bill.  
2 19 The bill applies to school years beginning on and after  
2 20 July 1, 2010.  
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