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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to time lost for certain activities in order to
2 meet the minimum hours of school instruction for grades one
3 through twelve.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 256.7, subsection 19, Code Supplement
1 2 2007, is amended by adding the following new unnumbered
1 3 paragraph:
1 4 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. A school district or an
1 5 accredited nonpublic school that uses any time from the school
1 6 day for professional development for instructional staff or
1 7 weather-related purposes, or which excuses twenty-five percent
1 8 or more of the students enrolled in order that the students
1 9 may attend an athletic event or assembly, shall extend the
1 10 school calendar so that the time used for any such purpose is
1 11 made up later in the school year.
1 12 Sec. 2. STATE MANDATE FUNDING SPECIFIED. In accordance
1 13 with section 25B.2, subsection 3, the state cost of requiring
1 14 compliance with any state mandate included in this Act shall
1 15 be paid by a school district from state school foundation aid
1 16 received by the school district under section 257.16. This
1 17 specification of the payment of the state cost shall be deemed
1 18 to meet all the state funding-related requirements of section
1 19 25B.2, subsection 3, and no additional state funding shall be
1 20 necessary for the full implementation of this Act by and
1 21 enforcement of this Act against all affected school districts.

EXPLANATION

1 23 This bill requires the state board of education to provide,
1 24 in rules adopted to define the minimum hours of instructional
1 25 school time for grades one through 12, that school districts
1 26 and accredited nonpublic schools are required to extend their
1 27 school calendars to make up time lost in the school day
1 28 because of professional development for instructional staff or
1 29 weather-related purposes, or because 25 percent or more of the
1 30 students enrolled were excused to attend an athletic event or
1 31 assembly.

1 32 The bill may include a state mandate as defined in Code
1 33 section 25B.3. The bill requires that the state cost of any
1 34 state mandate included in the bill be paid by a school
1 35 district from state school foundation aid received by the
2 1 school district under Code section 257.16. The specification
2 2 is deemed to constitute state compliance with any state
2 3 mandate funding-related requirements of Code section 25B.2.
2 4 The inclusion of this specification is intended to reinstate
2 5 the requirement of political subdivisions to comply with any
2 6 state mandates included in the bill.
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