

HOUSE BILL ANALYSIS

HB 2475

Title: An act relating to increasing the minimum school program requirements.

Brief Description: Increasing minimum school program requirements.

Sponsors: Representatives B. Thomas, Johnson, Cairnes, Linville, Appelwick, Cole, Carrell, Cody, H. Sommers, Wensman, Cooke, Carlson, D. Schmidt, Mielke, O'Brien, Keiser, Gardner, Kenney and Thompson.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Meeting Date: January 27, 1998.

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Background: The school year consists of a minimum of 180 school days. There are minimum program hours that must be offered per year based on grade level.

Summary of Bill: The minimum school year length is increased by one day per biennium beginning in 1999-2001 and ending in 2017-19, when the school year then will be 190 days. The minimum program hours that must be offered are expressed as a per day average rather than a yearly total.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on January 23, 1998.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.