

1 SENATE BILL 429

2 **48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2008**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO PUBLIC EDUCATION; REQUIRING SCHOOL DISTRICTS, WHEN  
12 DEVELOPING YEARLY SCHOOL CALENDARS, TO INCREASE THE LENGTH OF  
13 THE SCHOOL DAY IN CERTAIN INCREMENTS.

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15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

16 Section 1. Section 22-8-9 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1967,  
17 Chapter 16, Section 63, as amended) is amended to read:

18 "22-8-9. BUDGETS--MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS.--

19 A. A budget for a school district shall not be  
20 approved by the department that does not provide for:

21 (1) a school year consisting of at least one  
22 hundred eighty full instructional days or the equivalent  
23 thereof, exclusive of any release time for in-service training;  
24 or

25 (2) a variable school year consisting of a

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1 minimum number of instructional hours established by the [~~state~~  
2 ~~board~~] department; provided, however, that no calendar  
3 adjustments shall be made in increments of less than one-half  
4 hour per day; and

5 (3) a pupil-teacher ratio or class or teaching  
6 load as provided in Section 22-10A-20 NMSA 1978.

7 B. The [~~state board~~] department shall, by rule,  
8 establish the requirements for an instructional day, the  
9 standards for an instructional hour and the standards for a  
10 full-time teacher and for the equivalent thereof."