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House Bill 4471 (as passed by the House)  
Sponsor: Representative Phil Potvin  
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### **CONTENT**

**The bill would amend the State School Aid Act to allow an exception to the required number of days of pupil instruction for school closures in the 2012-2013 school year that were beyond the control of school authorities.**

The Act requires at least 1,098 hours of pupil instruction per school year, as well as a minimum number of days of instruction. Beginning in the 2012-2013 school year, the minimum number of days is 170, but not less than the number of days that a district provided in the 2009-2010 school year. A school district that fails to meet either the minimum hours or days of pupil instruction will incur a pro rata reduction in State aid.

The bill would provide an exception for school districts that failed to provide the minimum required number of days for the 2012-2013 school year, if all of the following applied:

- The failure was due to school closings that occurred before April 15, 2013.
- The school closings were due to conditions outside the control of school authorities, such as severe storms, fires, epidemics, utility power unavailability, water or sewer failure, or health conditions.
- The school district provided at least the minimum number of hours of pupil instruction.

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### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill could have a minimal fiscal impact on the State if the exemption resulted in the payment of full State aid to districts that might otherwise receive reduced payments by failing to meet the minimum number of school days required. The bill also could have a slight positive fiscal impact on the local school districts that employed the exemption for the number of instruction days, if a district saved on various overhead costs due to providing at least 1,098 hours of instruction in school year 2012-2013, but fewer than the required minimum number of school days.

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