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SENATE BILL 1370

Short Title: School Calendar Flexibility/Inclement Weather. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Goss.

Referred to: Education/Higher Education.

May 26, 2010

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO GIVE CERTAIN LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION ADDITIONAL
3 FLEXIBILITY WITH REGARD TO INSTRUCTIONAL TIME LOST DUE TO
4 INCLEMENT WEATHER.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.(a)** G.S. 115C-84.2(a)(1) reads as rewritten:

7 "(a) School Calendar. – Each local board of education shall adopt a school calendar
8 consisting of 215 days all of which shall fall within the fiscal year. A school calendar shall
9 include the following:

10 (1) A minimum of either 180 days and-or 1,000 hours of instruction covering at
11 least nine calendar months. The local board shall designate when the 180
12 instructional days or 1,000 hours shall occur. The number of instructional
13 hours in an instructional day may vary according to local board policy and
14 does not have to be uniform among the schools in the administrative unit.
15 Local boards may approve school improvement plans that include days with
16 varying amounts of instructional time. If school is closed early due to
17 inclement weather, the day and the scheduled amount of instructional hours
18 may count towards the required minimum to the extent allowed by State
19 Board policy. The school calendar shall include a plan for making up days
20 and instructional hours missed when schools are not opened due to
21 inclement weather.

22 If, due to inclement weather, a local board of education complies with
23 this subdivision by scheduling 1,000 hours of instruction on less than 180
24 days, the local school administrative unit is deemed to have a minimum of
25 180 days of instruction, teachers employed for a 10-month term are deemed
26 to have been employed for 180 instructional days, and all other employees
27 shall be compensated as if they had worked their regularly scheduled hours
28 for 180 instructional days."

29 **SECTION 1.(b)** This section applies only to local school administrative units that
30 missed more than 20 instructional days during the 2009-2010 school year due to inclement
31 weather.

32 **SECTION 2.(a)** G.S. 115C-238.29F(d)(1) reads as rewritten:

33 "(1) The school shall provide instruction each year for ~~at least 180 days a~~
34 minimum of either 180 days or 1,000 hours of instruction covering at least
35 nine calendar months."

36 **SECTION 2.(b)** This section applies only to charter schools that missed more than
37 20 instructional days during the 2009-2010 school year due to inclement weather.



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1 **SECTION 3.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
2 Public Instruction the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for the 2010-2011 fiscal
3 year to implement the provisions of this act.

4 **SECTION 4.** Section 3 of this act becomes effective July 1, 2010. The remainder
5 of this act is effective when it becomes law.