

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 1358

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

Sponsors: Senator Snow.

Referred to: Education/Higher Education.

May 25, 2010

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO GIVE FLEXIBILITY TO MAKE UP INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS MISSED DUE
2 TO INCLEMENT WEATHER DURING THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR TO LOCAL
3 SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS LOCATED IN CHEROKEE, CLAY, GRAHAM,
4 HAYWOOD, JACKSON, MACON, SWAIN, AND TRANSYLVANIA COUNTIES.
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

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

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

30 **SECTION 2.** This act applies only to local school administrative units located in
31 Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, Swain, and Transylvania Counties.

32 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies only to the
33 2009-2010 school year.

