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SENATE BILL 283

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

Sponsors: Senators Hise; Allran, Bingham, Brock, Brown, Brunstetter, Clary, Daniel, Davis, East, Forrester, Goolsby, Hartsell, Meredith, Newton, Pate, Rabon, Soucek, Stevens, Tillman, and Tucker.

Referred to: Education/Higher Education.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO ADDRESS SCHOOL DAYS MISSED BY MOUNTAIN COUNTIES DUE TO  
3 INCLEMENT WEATHER.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

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

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

28 **SECTION 1.(b)** This section applies only to local school administrative units that  
29 missed more than 15 instructional days during the 2010-2011 school year due to inclement  
30 weather.

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

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



1           **SECTION 2.(b)** This section applies only to charter schools that missed more than  
2 15 instructional days during the 2010-2011 school year due to inclement weather.  
3           **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies only to the  
4 2010-2011 school year.