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SENATE BILL 172*

Short Title: School Calendar Flex./Iredell & Catawba. (Local)

Sponsors: Senators Sloan; Apodaca, Berger, Bingham, Blake, Brock, Carrington, Clodfelter, Forrester, Foxx, Pittenger, Shubert, and Tillman.

Referred to: Education/Higher Education.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO GIVE CERTAIN LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY WITH REGARD TO INSTRUCTIONAL TIME LOST DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

"(a) School Calendar. – Each local board of education shall adopt a school calendar consisting of 220 days all of which shall fall within the fiscal year. A school calendar shall include the following:

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

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SECTION 2. This act applies only to local school administrative units located in Iredell and Catawba Counties.

SECTION 3. This act applies only to the 2002-2003 school year.

SECTION 4. This act is effective when it becomes law.