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HOUSE BILL 144

Short Title: School Closed Due to Inclement Weather/Flex. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Buchanan; Cansler, Gillespie, and West.

Referred to: Education.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE FLEXIBILITY TO SCHOOLS THAT
ARE CLOSED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 115C-84.2(a) is amended by adding a new subdivision to
read:

"§ 115C-84.2. School calendar.

(a) **(Applicable to all school years beginning with the 2000-2001 school year)**
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:

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(1b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection, if more than 12 days are lost in a unit due to inclement weather, the school calendar for that unit is not required to include both a minimum of 180 days and a minimum of 1000 hours of instruction. The local board of education for that unit may elect to operate for that year with a calendar that includes (i) a minimum of 180 days, (ii) a minimum of 1,000 hours of instructional time, or (iii) both. The local board shall report to the Department of Public Instruction on any calendar adopted pursuant to this subdivision.

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SECTION 2. G.S. 115C-174.129(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall be responsible, under policies adopted by the State Board of Education, for the statewide administration of the testing program provided by this Article. These policies shall permit local school administrative units in which a significant amount of instructional time has been lost due to inclement weather to administer the tests at a later date than other units."

1 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2001, and applies to all
2 school years beginning with the 2001-2002 school year.