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**HOUSE BILL 340
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Short Title: School Calendar Flex./Inclement Weather.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO GIVE LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION ADDITIONAL
2 FLEXIBILITY WITH REGARD TO INSTRUCTIONAL TIME LOST DUE TO
3 INCLEMENT WEATHER.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

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

22 (1a) Notwithstanding subdivision (1) of this subsection, a local board may
23 decide to make up a maximum of three instructional days by adding
24 instructional hours to previously scheduled instructional days. A local
25 board shall make this decision only if all of the following criteria are
26 met:

27 a. The days to be made up were missed when schools were unable
28 to be opened due to unusual and extraordinary inclement
29 weather conditions.

- 1 b. It would cause undue hardship to parents, children, and teachers
2 to make up those days.
3 c. The school calendar continues to have a minimum of 1,000
4 instructional hours covering at least nine months.
5 d. The additional hours must equal the regularly scheduled
6 number of instructional hours at each school.
7 If a local board adds instructional hours to previously scheduled days
8 under this subdivision, the local school administrative unit is deemed
9 to have a minimum of 180 days of instruction, teachers employed for a
10 10-month term are deemed to have been employed for the days being
11 made up, and all other employees shall be compensated as if they had
12 worked the days being made up.

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14 **SECTION 2.** This act applies only to the 2002-2003 school year.

15 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.