

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2009**

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**HOUSE BILL 1306
Committee Substitute Favorable 5/12/09**

Short Title: Restore Flexibility to School Calendar.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 9, 2009

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION OVERSIGHT
2 COMMITTEE TO STUDY ISSUES RELATED TO RESTORING FLEXIBILITY TO
3 THE SCHOOL CALENDAR.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** The Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee shall study
7 issues related to restoring the flexibility to the school calendar lost when S.L. 2004-180 was
8 enacted. The Committee shall report its findings and recommendations, along with any
9 proposed legislation, to the 2010 Regular Session of the 2009 General Assembly. In the course
10 of the study, the Committee shall consider:

- 11 (1) Requiring local boards of education to adopt a school calendar consisting of
12 220 days instead of the current 215 days.
- 13 (2) Restoring the five teacher workdays and determining how those workdays
14 can be used.
- 15 (3) Allowing local boards of education to set the dates for the opening and
16 closing of school in order to meet their individual needs instead of having
17 statewide limitations on school opening and closing dates.
- 18 (4) Any impacts on student achievement since the school calendar law change in
19 2004.
- 20 (5) Any impacts on student participation in joint programs with the community
21 colleges, including Learn and Earn, Learn and Earn Online, Early College,
22 dual enrollment, and college transfer courses since the school calendar law
23 change in 2004.
- 24 (6) Any other issues that the Committee considers relevant to this topic.

25 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.



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