

May 17, 2004

H 1464. SCHOOL CALENDAR CHANGES. TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF NONINSTRUCTIONAL TEACHER WORKDAYS; TO PROVIDE THAT PUBLIC SCHOOLS SHALL OPEN AFTER AUGUST 25 AND CLOSE NOT AFTER JUNE 10, EXCEPT IN UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES OR IN YEAR-ROUND SCHOOLS; TO ENSURE THAT TEACHERS MAY BE PAID IN AUGUST IF THEY SO DESIRE; AND TO PROVIDE THAT SALARIES NOT DECREASE AS A RESULT OF THE REDUCTION IN TEACHER WORKLOADS. Amends GS 115C-84.2, -302.1(b), and -316(a)(2) as title indicates. Requires that boards of education adopt a school calendar consisting of 210 days (was, 220). Reduces teacher workdays to five (was, eight) and requires that workdays be used for teachers to complete instructional and classroom duties only and that one be scheduled at beginning of school year and one at the end. Deletes provision allowing school administrative units to fix different opening and closing dates for schools. Makes technical changes. Effective July 1, 2004.

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July 1, 2004

H 1464. SCHOOL CALENDAR CHANGES. Intro. 05/17/04. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Changes title to *A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REDUCE BY TEN THE NUMBER OF NONINSTRUCTIONAL TEACHER WORKDAYS; TO PROVIDE THAT PUBLIC SCHOOL SHALL OPEN NO SOONER THAN AUGUST 25 AND CLOSE NO LATER THAN JUNE 10 EXCEPT IN YEAR-ROUND SCHOOLS OR IN SCHOOLS IN LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS THAT HAVE BEEN CLOSED EIGHT DAYS PER YEAR DURING ANY FOUR OF THE LAST TEN YEARS BECAUSE OF SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS, ENERGY SHORTAGES, POWER FAILURES, OR OTHER EMERGENCY SITUATIONS; TO ENSURE THAT TEACHERS ARE PAID IN AUGUST; TO PROVIDE THAT LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION SCHEDULE FIVE NONINSTRUCTIONAL TEACHER WORKDAYS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR AND AT THE END OF EACH ACADEMIC QUARTER, AND THAT THESE DAYS ARE PROTECTED FOR TEACHERS TO COMPLETE INSTRUCTIONAL AND CLASSROOM ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES; TO PROVIDE THAT NONINSTRUCTIONAL TEACHER WORKDAYS MAY CONTINUE TO BE DESIGNATED AS DAYS ON WHICH TEACHERS WITH ACCUMULATED VACATION LEAVE MAY TAKE THAT LEAVE AND TO REQUIRE AT LEAST TWO OF THOSE DAYS THAT ARE SCHEDULED BY THE SCHOOL'S PRINCIPAL TO BE DESIGNATED AS DAYS ON WHICH TEACHERS WITH ACCUMULATED VACATION LEAVE MAY TAKE THAT LEAVE; TO ALLOW ANY OF THE NONINSTRUCTIONAL TEACHER WORKDAYS THAT ARE SCHEDULED BY THE SCHOOL'S PRINCIPAL TO BE DESIGNATED AS MAKE-UP DAYS FOR DAYS MISSED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER; TO DEFINE "YEAR-ROUND SCHOOL" AS HAVING A SCHOOL CALENDAR THAT COVERS AT LEAST ELEVEN CALENDAR MONTHS; TO PROVIDE THAT THE REDUCTION IN TEACHER WORKDAYS DOES NOT REDUCE THE ANNUAL RATE OF PAY FOR TEACHERS AND OTHER EMPLOYEES; TO PROVIDE THAT NOTHING IN THIS ACT SHALL BE CONSTRUED AS CHANGING THE PAY CYCLE FOR NONCERTIFIED EMPLOYEES; TO PROVIDE THAT NOTHING IN THIS ACT REQUEST THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION OR REQUIRES LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS TO EXPEND ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION; TO PROVIDE THAT THIS ACT APPLIES TO SCHOOLS BEGINNING WITH THE 2005-2006 SCHOOL YEAR; TO PROVIDE THAT THE ACT APPLIES IN ALL ONE HUNDRED COUNTIES AND IN ALL LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE ACT IS EFFECTIVE WHEN IT BECOMES LAW.* Changes bill as title indicates.

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H 1464. SCHOOL CALENDAR CHANGES. Intro. 5/17/04. Senate committee substitute adopted 7/15/04 makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Reduces school calendar year from 220 days to 215 days (rather than 210 days). Provides that five teacher workdays are protected for

instructional and classroom administrative duties, but deletes requirement that one of these days be scheduled at the beginning and end of the school year. Adds requirement for consultation with school board prior to scheduling remaining work and make-up days. Allows teachers to take accumulated vacation leave on the five protected teacher workdays. Specifies that different calendars may be adopted for different schools for good cause. Sets the daily rate of pay for teachers at midway between one twenty-first and one twenty-second of the monthly rate of pay.

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H 1464. SCHOOL CALENDAR CHANGES. Intro. 5/17/04. Conference report recommends the following changes to Senate Committee Substitute #2 to reconcile matters in controversy. Retains amendment to GS 115C-84(a)(4) requiring that five teacher workdays be used only to allow teachers to complete instructional and administrative duties; adds that local school board must schedule one of these five days at the beginning of the school year and one at the end of each academic quarter. Increases from five to seven the number of days a local school board must designate as available for teachers to take accumulated vacation leave. Deletes provision with specific reference to year-round schools. Adds provision allowing State Board of Education to waive opening and closing date requirements for an "educational purpose" as defined in act. Does not allow waiver requests for educational purpose to be used to accommodate system-wide scheduling preferences. Provides that opening and closing dates do not apply to a school with a modified calendar in 2003-04, or that was part of a planned program in 2003-04 for a system of modified calendar schools, as long as school operates under a modified calendar. Adds requirement that State Board study scheduling and purposes of noninstructional teacher workdays.