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SENATE BILL 547

Short Title: School Closings Report.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Edwards.

Referred to: Education/Higher Education.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO MODIFY THE REPORTING REQUIREMENT REGARDING INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS CLOSED DUE TO EMERGENCIES OR OTHER UNSAFE CONDITIONS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 115C-84(c) reads as rewritten:

"(c) There shall be operated in every school in the State a uniform school term of 180 days for instructing pupils. The school calendar for each local school administrative unit shall include days that can be used to make up any of the 180 days of the school term on which school is closed due to hazardous weather conditions, natural disaster, or other emergency; the required number of such days for a local school administrative unit shall be the greater of (i) five days or (ii) the average number of days missed in five of the last six school years in which the least number of days were missed. ~~If missed.~~

If a local school administrative unit has made up at least the required number of such days and if the local school board finds that it is impracticable to make up additional days, the local school board may excuse students from attendance at all schools within the unit for three such days; additional days. Regardless of whether the local school administrative unit has made up the required number of days, the local school board may excuse students from attendance at an individual school closed due to emergencies or unsafe conditions for as many days as the local school board deems appropriate. ~~on~~ On the days excused for students, the local board may require teachers to report for a workday or it may excuse teachers from attendance on such days. The days excused for teachers under this paragraph do not have to be made up by teachers and do not affect

1 teachers' pay. Local boards of education shall report all days excused for students,
2 whether the days were excused for teachers, and the reason they were excused to the
3 State Board of Education. This report shall include as justification for the local board's
4 action in the matter (i) the total days missed at all schools and any additional days
5 missed in individual schools due to emergencies or unsafe conditions, (ii) the date the
6 days were missed, (iii) the reason the days were missed, and the reason therefor, by date,
7 and (iv) the total number of days made up, as justification for the local board's action in the
8 matter-up.

9 After the required number of days have been made up within the school calendar and
10 after the local board has exercised its authority to suspend days as set forth in the
11 preceding paragraph, the State Board of Education, at the request of the local board of
12 education, may suspend school additional days in any local school administrative unit
13 where it finds that conditions justify such suspension of school. The days excused
14 under this paragraph do not have to be made up by teachers or students and the first 15
15 such days do not affect teachers' pay.

16 During any period of emergency, in any section of the State where the said
17 emergency conditions make it necessary, the State Board of Education may order
18 general, and if necessary, extended recesses or adjournment of the public schools."

19 Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.