

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 2324

Short Title: Year-Round Schools

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Chapin; Albertson, Barnes, Barnhill, Beall, Blue, Bowen, Bowie, Bowman, Brown, Colton, Cooper, J. Crawford, N. Crawford, Creech, Dawkins, Fitch, Flaherty, Foster, Gardner, Gibson, Greenwood, Grimmer, Hackney, Hardaway, Holmes, Howard, Jack Hunt, H. Hunter, R. Hunter, Hurley, James, Jones, Justus, Kerr, Ligon, Lilley, Lineberry, Lutz, McLaughlin, Mercer, Miller, Mills, Nesbitt, Perdue, Ramsey, Redwine, Rhodes, Rhyne, Rogers, Stam, Stamey, Tart, R. Thompson, Walker, Warner, Warren, Wicker, P. Wilson, Wood, and Woodard.

Referred to: Education.

June 6, 1990

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT REGARDING YEAR-ROUND EDUCATION.

3 Whereas, with the year 2000 fast approaching, it is reasonable to question
4 whether a school calendar designed for the agricultural economy of the 1800s is
5 appropriate for today's schools; and

6 Whereas, the three-month interruption of formal instruction may no longer be
7 justifiable; and

8 Whereas, proponents of year-round education argue convincingly that
9 continuous instruction is better instruction; and

10 Whereas, providing more time designed around a better framework can
11 improve retention and reduce memory loss; and

12 Whereas, year-round education is proving itself in California, Utah, and
13 Nevada; and

14 Whereas, more and more school districts in Virginia and Florida are seriously
15 studying year-round education and are planning for implementation of it; Now,
16 therefore,

17 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

1 Section 1. (a) The State Board of Education shall study the concept of year-
2 round education and shall develop policies and procedures for local school
3 administrative units that want to implement year-round education. The State Board of
4 Education shall report the results of its study and any policies and procedures it
5 develops to the General Assembly prior to January 15, 1991.

6 The State Board shall also develop a grant program for local school
7 administrative units to use in planning for the implementation of year-round education.
8 The State Board shall submit a budget request to the Governor for the program for
9 inclusion in the proposed budget for the 1991-93 fiscal biennium.

10 (b) The Department of Public Instruction shall develop the ability to offer
11 technical expertise to local school administrative units that want to implement year-
12 round education.

13 Sec. 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
14 Public Education the sum of \$20,000 for the 1990-91 fiscal year to carry out the study
15 mandated by Section 1(a) of this act.

16 Sec. 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 1990.