

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 1186

Short Title: School Year/Attendance Study.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Rogers; Albertson, Barnes, Black, Bowman, Chapin, Ethridge, Fussell, Judy Hunt, Stamey, Thompson, Warner, and Wilmoth.

Referred to: Rules, Appointments and Calendar.

May 9, 1991

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMISSION TO
2 CONSIDER INCREASING THE LENGTH OF THE SCHOOL YEAR AND
3 CHANGING THE COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AGES.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. There is created a Legislative Study Commission on the School
7 Year and Student Attendance Ages to be composed of 12 members; four members to be
8 appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, four members to be appointed by
9 the Speaker of the House, and four members to be appointed by the Superintendent of
10 Public Instruction. The members shall include representatives of the public schools.
11 Appointment to the Study Commission shall be made within 30 days subsequent to the
12 adjournment of the Regular Session of the 1991 General Assembly for a period of more
13 than 10 days. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House
14 shall each designate a cochairman from their appointees. Either cochairman may call
15 the first meeting of the Study Commission. Vacancies shall be filled in the same
16 manner as the original appointments were made.

17 Sec. 2. The Study Commission may study all aspects of the current school
18 year and the compulsory attendance ages, including the advantages and disadvantages
19 of lengthening the school year, revising the compulsory attendance ages, and modifying
20 methods of enforcement of the compulsory attendance law.

21 Sec. 3. With the prior approval of the Legislative Services Commission, the
22 Legislative Services Officer shall assign professional and clerical staff to assist in the
23 work of the Commission. Clerical staff shall be furnished to the Commission through

1 the Offices of the House and Senate Supervisors of Clerks. The expenses of
2 employment of the clerical staff shall be borne by the Commission. With the prior
3 approval of the Legislative Services Commission, the Study Commission may hold its
4 meetings in the State Legislative Building or the Legislative Office Building.

5 Sec. 4. The Study Commission may submit an interim report of its findings
6 and recommendations and the status of its work on or before the first day of the 1992
7 Regular Session of the 1991 General Assembly. The Study Commission shall submit a
8 final written report of its findings and recommendations on or before the convening of
9 the 1993 Session of the General Assembly. All reports shall be filed with the President
10 Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

11 Sec. 5. Members of the Commission shall be paid per diem, subsistence, and
12 travel allowances as follows:

13 (1) Commission members who are also members of the General
14 Assembly, at the rate established in G.S. 120-3.1;

15 (2) Commission members who are officials or employees of the State or
16 local government agencies, at the rate established in G.S. 138-6;

17 (3) All other Commission members at the rate established in G.S. 138-6.

18 Sec. 6. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the General
19 Assembly the sum of \$25,000 for the 1991-92 fiscal year and the sum of \$25,000 for
20 the 1992-93 fiscal year, to carry out the work of the Legislative Study Commission on
21 the School Year and Student Attendance Ages.

22 Sec. 7. This act becomes effective July 1, 1991.