

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**HOUSE BILL 553**

Short Title: School Calendar Pilot Program/Stanly County. (Local)

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Sponsors: Representative Burr (Primary Sponsor).  
For a complete list of Sponsors, see Bill Information on the NCGA Web Site.

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Referred to: Education.

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March 31, 2011

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT AUTHORIZING A SCHOOL CALENDAR PILOT PROGRAM IN THE STANLY  
3 COUNTY SCHOOLS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** The State Board of Education shall establish a school calendar pilot  
6 program in the Stanly County Schools. The purpose of the pilot program is to determine  
7 whether and to what extent a local school administrative unit can save money during this  
8 extreme fiscal crisis by consolidating the school calendar.

9 Notwithstanding G.S. 115C-84.2(a)(1), the school calendars for the 2011-2012 and  
10 2012-2013 calendar years for the Stanly County Schools shall include a minimum of 180 days  
11 or 1,000 hours of instruction covering at least nine calendar months. Notwithstanding  
12 G.S. 115C-84.2(d), the opening date for students shall not be before August 24.

13 If the Stanly County Board of Education adds instructional hours to previously  
14 scheduled days under this section, the local school administrative unit is deemed to have a  
15 minimum of 180 days of instruction, and teachers employed for a 10-month term are deemed to  
16 have been employed for the days being made up and shall be compensated as if they had  
17 worked the days being made up.

18 The State Board of Education shall report to the Joint Legislative Education  
19 Oversight Committee by March 15, 2012, and by March 15, 2013, on the administration of the  
20 pilot program, cost-savings realized by it, and its impact on student achievement.

21 **SECTION 2.** This act applies only to the Stanly County Schools.

22 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

