

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2025**

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**SENATE BILL 971**

Short Title:    Statewide Year-Round School Study. (Public)

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Sponsors:     Senators Burgin and Corbin (Primary Sponsors).

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Referred to:   Rules and Operations of the Senate

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May 4, 2026

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION TO STUDY THE  
FEASIBILITY AND POTENTIAL OUTCOMES OF A STATEWIDE YEAR-ROUND  
SCHOOL CALENDAR.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** The Department of Public Instruction shall study and make  
recommendations on the feasibility and potential outcomes of a statewide year-round school year,  
including analysis of the following:

- (1) Educational outcomes.
- (2) Summer learning loss.
- (3) Testing administration.
- (4) Dual enrollment in community college courses for high school students.
- (5) Travel and tourism participation and revenues.
- (6) Seasonal employment.
- (7) Extracurricular learning opportunities and camps.
- (8) Scheduling for families and communities.
- (9) Implementation considerations.
- (10) Building utilization.
- (11) Any other area the Department deems relevant to the feasibility and potential  
outcomes of a statewide year-round school calendar.

**SECTION 2.** The Department of Public Instruction shall submit a report on the  
results of its study, including any proposed legislation, to the Joint Legislative Education  
Oversight Committee no later than February 1, 2027.

**SECTION 3.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
Public Instruction the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) in nonrecurring funds for the  
2026-2027 fiscal year for costs associated with conducting the study and preparing the report  
required by this act.

**SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2026.

