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Understanding the School Calendar in I-SS

Due to the recent change in North Carolina School Calendar Law, school districts around North Carolina are now faced with making the choice between a traditional 180-day calendar and a 185-day calendar.

Below are some highlights of the legislation that was passed in July. These are non-negotiables and must be considered when developing a school calendar.

Highlights of Senate Bill 187

- Must include a minimum of 185 days OR 1,025 instructional hours, covering at least nine calendar months
- Calendar must include a plan for making up any days missed due to inclement weather
- School may not open any earlier than the Monday closest to August 26
- School may close no later than the Friday closest to June 11
- Inclement weather waivers may no longer be submitted for early dismissals or delays; waivers apply only to full-day closures; school must be closed for a minimum of eight (8) student days for four (4) out of the last 10 years
- All employment/payroll requirements must be met
 - Minimum of 10 annual leave days
 - Observance of holidays provided by the State Personnel Commission; holidays do not have to be taken on the exact day (i.e., Good Friday can be switched for the Monday following Easter, etc.)
 - Teacher workdays (including student days) cannot exceed 195; does not include required annual leave days or holidays (total days of employment for 10-month employees must equal 215)
 - School may not be held on Sunday or Veteran's day

Additional Considerations

- Cost of additional days is approximately \$200,000
- Additional instructional time is likely the 'wave of the future'