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SENATE BILL DRS45255-MM-61A (03/15)

Short Title: Limit Session Length.

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Sponsors: Senators Chaudhuri and Tillman (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO LIMIT THE LENGTH OF LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS.  
3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 120-11.1 reads as rewritten:

5 "**§ 120-11.1. Time of ~~meeting~~meeting; session limits.**

6 (a) Time of Meeting. – The regular session of the Senate and House of Representatives  
7 shall be held biennially beginning at 12:00 noon on the second Wednesday in January next  
8 after their election, and on that day they shall meet solely to elect officers, adopt rules, and  
9 otherwise organize the session. When they adjourn that day, they stand adjourned until 12:00  
10 noon on the third Wednesday after the second Monday in January next after their election.

11 (b) Length of Sessions. – The General Assembly shall meet in regular session as  
12 follows:

13 (1) In odd-numbered years, the General Assembly shall remain in session for no  
14 more than 135 calendar days, except that this period may be extended by  
15 joint resolution once per regular session for not more than 10 calendar days.

16 (2) If the regular session meets in even-numbered years, the General Assembly  
17 shall remain in session for no more than 60 calendar days, except that this  
18 period may be extended by joint resolution once per regular session for not  
19 more than 10 calendar days.

20 (3) Any reconvened session called under Section 5 of Article III of the North  
21 Carolina Constitution shall be excluded from the calculations of this section.

22 (4) No valid action, other than a resolution of adjournment, may be taken by the  
23 General Assembly after the time limits prescribed in this subsection have  
24 expired."

25 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.



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