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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, local boards of
9 education are required to annually establish school
10 calendars.

11 This bill would clarify the ability of a
12 local board of education to establish its own
13 school calendar and would specify the latest start
14 date and earliest end date of the summer break
15 provided by a local school calendar.

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17 A BILL
18 TO BE ENTITLED
19 AN ACT

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21 Relating to public preK-12 education; to clarify
22 that a local board of education shall establish its local
23 school calendar; and to specify the minimum length of the
24 summer break for school calendars established by local boards
25 of education.

26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

1 Section 1. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b),
2 Section 16-13-231, Code of Alabama 1975, a local board of
3 education has local control to establish its school calendar,
4 set the length of the school day, set the number of
5 instructional days, and designate holidays, breaks, and
6 teacher work days above and beyond student attendance days for
7 the preK-12 schools under its jurisdiction.

8 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), commencing with
9 the 2021-2022 school year, the annual school calendar
10 established by a local board of education shall provide a
11 summer break that has the last required instructional day for
12 students of each school year no later than May 31, and the
13 first required instructional day for students of each school
14 year no earlier than the third Monday in August.

15 Section 2. This act shall become effective
16 immediately following its passage and approval by the
17 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.