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The Honorable David H. Wilkins
Speaker of the House of Representatives
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Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

I am hereby returning without my approval H. 3806, R-128, an Act:

TO PROVIDE THAT BEGINNING WITH SCHOOL YEAR 2003-2004, THE STARTING DATE AND ENDING DATE FOR THE ANNUAL SCHOOL TERM OF THE DARLINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT MUST BE SET BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE DISTRICT IN ITS SOLE DISCRETION PROVIDED THAT THE ANNUAL SCHOOL TERM MUST COMPLY WITH ALL REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 59-1-420 RELATING TO LENGTH OF THE SCHOOL TERM.

This bill is special legislation that would allow the Darlington County School District to set its calendar for the 2003-2004 school year. The purpose of this bill has been accomplished by a general law, H. 3361, R-163, which gives all local school boards the authority to establish an annual school calendar. I signed H. 3361, R-163 into law on July 23, 2003. Accordingly, this bill is not necessary.

For this reason, I am returning H. 3806, R-128 to you without my signature.

Sincerely,

Mark Sanford
Governor