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**H 1177. RESTORE FLEXIBILITY TO THE SCHOOL CALENDAR.** Filed 4/7/09. *TO RESTORE FLEXIBILITY TO THE SCHOOL CALENDAR LAW.*

Amends GS 115C-84.2 to (1) eliminate the requirement that a local board of education designate five days as teacher workdays; (2) specify that the opening date for public schools, except year-round schools, may not be before August 18 (was, August 25) and makes special provisions if August 18 falls on a Friday, Saturday, or Sunday; (3) authorizes the State Board of Education to waive the opening and closing date requirements, but it may not authorize a school to open before August 10; (4) expands the list of educational purposes for which the State Board of Education may waive the opening and closing dates to include (a) aligning the calendar on a systemwide basis with that of a community college or university in the geographic area, (b) adjusting the examination schedule on a systemwide basis to benefit students or to accommodate Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate examinations, (c) implementing block schedules, or (d) because of inclement weather or other emergency situations. Makes other conforming changes.

Amends GS 115D-20 to authorize the trustees of each community college to align their calendars for curriculum courses with the calendars of the local school administrative units located in their service areas, as permitted by rules adopted by the State Board of Community Colleges.

Amends GS 116-235(a1) to authorize the Board of Trustees of the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics to align its instructional calendar with the calendars of the local school administrative unit located in its county and in contiguous counties, as permitted by rules adopted by the Board of Governors.

Effective July 1, 2009, and applies beginning with the 2009-10 school year.

**Intro. by Bell.**

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