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HOUSE DRH70121-LE-63 (02/06)

Short Title: School Calendar Flexibility/Certain LEAs. (Local)

Sponsors: Representative Richardson.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY TO CERTAIN LOCAL BOARDS OF
3 EDUCATION IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. G.S. 115C-84.2(d) reads as rewritten:

6 "(d) Opening and Closing Dates. – Local boards of education shall determine the dates
7 of opening and closing the public schools under subdivision (a)(1) of this section. Except for
8 year-round schools, the opening date for students shall be no earlier than August 12, the
9 ~~Monday closest to August 26~~, and the closing date for students shall be no later than the Friday
10 closest to ~~June 11~~. ~~On a showing of good cause, the State Board of Education may waive the~~
11 ~~requirement that the opening date for students be no earlier than the Monday closest to August~~
12 ~~26 and may allow the local board of education to set an opening date no earlier than the~~
13 ~~Monday closest to August 19, to the extent that school calendars are able to provide sufficient~~
14 ~~days to accommodate anticipated makeup days due to school closings. A local board may~~
15 ~~revise the scheduled closing date if necessary in order to comply with the minimum~~
16 ~~requirements for instructional days or instructional time. For purposes of this subsection, the~~
17 ~~term "good cause" means that schools in any local school administrative unit in a county have~~
18 ~~been closed eight days per year during any four of the last 10 years because of severe weather~~
19 ~~conditions, energy shortages, power failures, or other emergency situations.~~

20 ~~The required opening and closing dates under this subsection shall not apply to any school~~
21 ~~that a local board designated as having a modified calendar for the 2003-2004 school year or to~~
22 ~~any school that was part of a planned program in the 2003-2004 school year for a system of~~
23 ~~modified calendar schools, so long as the school operates under a modified calendar."~~

24 SECTION 2. This act applies only to the Franklin County and Nash-Rocky Mount
25 school administrative units.

26 SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with
27 the 2013-2014 school year.

