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Short Title: Lee Co. Flexibility Re: School Calendar. (Local)

Sponsors: Representative McManus.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY TO THE LEE COUNTY BOARD 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 the Monday closest to  
9 August 26, and the closing date for students shall be no later than the Friday closest to June 11.  
10 On a showing of good cause, the State Board of Education may waive the requirement that the  
11 opening date for students be no earlier than the Monday closest to August 26 and may allow the  
12 local board of education to set an opening date no earlier than the Monday closest to August 19,  
13 to the extent that school calendars are able to provide sufficient days to accommodate  
14 anticipated makeup days due to school closings. A local board may revise the scheduled  
15 closing date if necessary in order to comply with the minimum requirements for instructional  
16 days or instructional time. For purposes of this subsection, the term "good cause" means that  
17 schools in any local school administrative unit in a county have been closed eight days per year  
18 during any four of the last 10 years because of severe weather conditions, energy shortages,  
19 power failures, or other emergency situations.

20 Notwithstanding the required opening and closing dates under this subsection, a local board  
21 of education may schedule its school opening and closing dates for any school in the local  
22 administrative unit to coincide with the opening and closing dates of a community college  
23 servicing the city or county in which the school unit is located.

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

28 **SECTION 2.** This act applies only to the Lee County Schools.

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

