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Short Title: School Calendar Flexibility/Orange County. (Local)

Sponsors: Representative Foushee.

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 ~~the Monday closest to~~
9 ~~August 26,~~ August 9, and the closing date for students shall be no later than the Friday closest to
10 June 11. ~~On a showing of good cause, the State Board of Education may waive the requirement~~
11 ~~that the opening date for students be no earlier than the Monday closest to August 26 and may~~
12 ~~allow the local board of education to set an opening date no earlier than the Monday closest to~~
13 ~~August 19, to the extent that school calendars are able to provide sufficient days to~~
14 ~~accommodate anticipated makeup days due to school closings.~~ A local board may revise the
15 scheduled closing date if necessary in order to comply with the minimum requirements for
16 instructional days or instructional time. ~~For purposes of this subsection, the term "good cause"~~
17 ~~means that schools in any local school administrative unit in a county have been closed eight~~
18 ~~days per year during any four of the last 10 years because of severe weather conditions, energy~~
19 ~~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 Orange County and the Chapel
25 Hill-Carrboro City school administrative units.

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

