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

Sponsors: Representative Baskerville.

Referred to:

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

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

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

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

29 SECTION 2. This act applies only to the Vance and Warren County school  
30 administrative units.

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

