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Short Title: Local Flexibility Re: School Calendar. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives L. Bell and Lucas (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PERMIT LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO SET SCHOOL
3 CALENDARS FOR THEIR LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS.
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 ~~The required opening and closing dates under this subsection shall not apply to any school~~
22 ~~that a local board designated as having a modified calendar for the 2003-2004 school year or to~~
23 ~~any school that was part of a planned program in the 2003-2004 school year for a system of~~
24 ~~modified calendar schools, so long as the school operates under a modified calendar."~~
25 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with
26 the 2013-2014 school year.

