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SENATE DRS15091-LE-61 (03/03)

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

Sponsors: Senator McInnis (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY FOR 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, 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 ~~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 Notwithstanding the opening date for students, all first semester examinations shall be given  
25 before winter break."

26 **SECTION 2.** This act applies only to the Anson, Richmond, Rowan, Scotland, and  
27 Stanly county school administrative units.

28 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with  
29 the 2015-2016 school year.

