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HOUSE BILL DRH40007-MK-1 (12/14)

Short Title: School Calendar Flex/CC. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives L. Johnson, Horn, Elmore, and Blackwell (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

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

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 of
7 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. On
10 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, to
13 the extent that school calendars are able to provide sufficient days to accommodate anticipated
14 makeup days due to school closings. A local board may revise the scheduled closing date if
15 necessary in order to comply with the minimum requirements for instructional days or
16 instructional time. For purposes of this subsection, the term "good cause" means that schools in
17 any local school administrative unit in a county have been closed eight days per year during any
18 four of the last 10 years because of severe weather conditions, energy shortages, power failures, or
19 other emergency situations.

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

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

28 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with the
29 2017-2018 school year.

