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HOUSE BILL DRH40213-MT-104 (03/09)

Short Title: School Cal. Flex./CC.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives McGrady, Horn, Johnson, and Jordan (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  
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 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  
23 unit is located, in whole or in part, as long as the opening date is no earlier than August 15.

24 The required opening and closing dates under this subsection shall not apply to any school  
25 that a local board designated as having a modified calendar for the 2003-2004 school year or to  
26 any school that was part of a planned program in the 2003-2004 school year for a system of  
27 modified 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  
29 the 2017-2018 school year.

