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SENATE BILL DRS45052-MT-4 (11/10)

Short Title: School Calendar Flexibility/Certain Systems. (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 EDUCATION
3 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 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 ~~The required opening and closing dates under this subsection shall not apply to any school that~~
21 ~~a local board designated as having a modified calendar for the 2003-2004 school year or to any~~
22 ~~school that was part of a planned program in the 2003-2004 school year for a system of modified~~
23 ~~calendar schools, so long as the school operates under a modified calendar. Notwithstanding the~~
24 ~~opening date for students, all first semester examinations shall be given before winter break.~~"

25 **SECTION 2.** This act applies only to Anson County Schools, Richmond County
26 Schools, Rowan County Schools, Scotland County Schools, and Stanly County Schools.

27 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with the
28 2017-2018 school year.

