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**HOUSE BILL DRH30039-MV-32A**

Short Title: School Calendar Flexibility/Cumberland County. (Local)

Sponsors: Representatives Lucas, Floyd, Richardson, and Szoka (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY TO CUMBERLAND COUNTY  
3 SCHOOLS 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 10 days prior to the  
9 Monday closest to August 26, and the closing date for students shall be no later than the Friday  
10 closest to June 11. ~~On a showing of good cause, the State Board of Education may waive the~~  
11 ~~requirement that the opening date for students be no earlier than the Monday closest to August~~  
12 ~~26 and may allow the local board of education to set an opening date no earlier than the Monday~~  
13 ~~closest to August 19, to the extent that school calendars are able to provide sufficient days to~~  
14 ~~accommodate anticipated makeup days due to school closings.~~ A local board may revise the  
15 scheduled closing date if necessary in order to comply with the minimum requirements for  
16 instructional days or instructional time. ~~For purposes of this subsection, the term "good cause"~~  
17 ~~means that schools in any local school administrative unit in a county have been closed eight~~  
18 ~~days per year during any four of the last 10 years because of severe weather conditions, energy~~  
19 ~~shortages, 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 **SECTION 2.** This act applies only to Cumberland County Schools.

25 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with  
26 the 2019-2020 school year.

