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HOUSE BILL 202  
PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE H202-PCS10264-BN-2

Short Title: School Calendar Flexibility/Certain Counties.

(Local)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 3, 2021

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY TO HARNETT COUNTY SCHOOLS,  
3 JACKSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND SWAIN COUNTY SCHOOLS IN  
4 ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-84.2(d) reads as rewritten:

7 "(d) Opening and Closing Dates. – Local boards of education shall determine the dates of  
8 opening and closing the public schools under subdivision (a)(1) of this section. ~~Except for~~  
9 ~~year round schools, the opening date for students shall be no earlier than the Monday closest to~~  
10 ~~August 26, and the closing date for students shall be no later than the Friday closest to June 11.~~  
11 ~~On a showing of good cause, the State Board of Education may waive the requirement that the~~  
12 ~~opening date for students be no earlier than the Monday closest to August 26 and may allow the~~  
13 ~~local board of education to set an opening date no earlier than the Monday closest to August 19,~~  
14 ~~to the extent that school calendars are able to provide sufficient days to accommodate anticipated~~  
15 ~~makeup days due to school closings. A local board may revise the scheduled closing date if~~  
16 ~~necessary in order to comply with the minimum requirements for instructional days or~~  
17 ~~instructional time. For purposes of this subsection, the term "good cause" means that schools in~~  
18 ~~any local school administrative unit in a county have been closed eight days per year during any~~  
19 ~~four of the last 10 years because of severe weather conditions, energy shortages, power failures,~~  
20 ~~or other emergency situations.~~

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

25 **SECTION 2.** This act applies only to Harnett County Schools, Jackson County  
26 Public Schools, and Swain County Schools.

27 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with  
28 the 2021-2022 school year.



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