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HOUSE BILL DRH40033-NH-18

Short Title: School Calendar Flex/Multiple Counties. (Local)

Sponsors: Representative N. Jackson.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY TO MULTIPLE LOCAL BOARDS OF  
3 EDUCATION 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, August 10,~~ and the closing date for students shall be no later than the Friday closest  
10 to June 11. ~~On a showing of good cause, the State Board of Education may waive the requirement~~  
11 ~~that the opening date for students be no earlier than the Monday closest to August 26 and may~~  
12 ~~allow the local board of education to set an opening date no earlier than the Monday closest to~~  
13 ~~August 19, 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 closing  
15 date if 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,~~  
19 ~~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.** G.S. 115C-174.12(a)(4) reads as rewritten:

25 "(4) All annual assessments of student achievement adopted by the State Board of  
26 Education pursuant to G.S. 115C-174.11(c)(1) and (3) and all final exams for  
27 courses shall be administered within the final 10 instructional days of the  
28 school year for year-long courses and within the final five instructional days  
29 of the semester for semester courses. Exceptions shall be permitted to  
30 accommodate a student's individualized education program and section 504  
31 (29 U.S.C. § 794) plans and for the administration of final exams for courses  
32 with national or international curricula required to be held at designated times.  
33 A local board of education that has implemented a school calendar that  
34 concludes the fall semester prior to December 31 may administer assessments  
35 prior to the conclusion of that semester."



1                   **SECTION 3.** This act applies only to Moore County Schools, Randolph County  
2 Schools, Asheboro City Schools, Gaston County Schools, Surry County Schools, Mount Airy  
3 City Schools, and Elkin City Schools.

4                   **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with  
5 the 2023-2024 school year.