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HOUSE BILL DRH30094-NH-38A

Short Title: SchCal Mandatory Winter Break/Date Adjustment. (Local)

Sponsors: Representative Rhyne.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ADJUST THE SCHOOL CALENDAR AND REQUIRE A TWO-WEEK
3 WINTER BREAK FOR LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOLS AND IREDELL-STATESVILLE
4 SCHOOLS.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 SECTION 1. G.S. 115C-84.2 reads as rewritten:

7 "§ 115C-84.2. School calendar.

8 (a) School Calendar. – Each local board of education shall adopt a school calendar
9 consisting of 215 days all of which shall fall within the fiscal year. A school calendar shall include
10 the following:

11 ...
12 (3a) A winter break starting on any day in the month of December and consisting
13 of 14 consecutive days with no instructional days or teacher workdays
14 scheduled. If a local board of education has had to close schools due to
15 inclement weather for three or more days before the winter break has started,
16 the local board may elect to make up the days the school was closed during
17 the winter break.

18 ...
19 (d) Opening and Closing Dates. – Local boards of education shall determine the dates of
20 opening and closing the public schools under subdivision (a)(1) of this section. Except for
21 year-round schools, the opening date for students shall be no earlier than the ~~Monday~~ Wednesday
22 closest to August ~~26,~~ 13, and the closing date for students shall be no later than the ~~Friday~~ closest
23 ~~to~~ June 11, 1. On a showing of good cause, the State Board of Education may waive the
24 requirement that the opening date for students be no earlier than the Monday closest to August
25 26 and may allow the local board of education to set an opening date no earlier than the Monday
26 closest to August 19, to the extent that school calendars are able to provide sufficient days to
27 accommodate anticipated makeup days due to school closings. A local board may revise the
28 scheduled closing date if necessary in order to comply with the minimum requirements for
29 instructional days or instructional time. For purposes of this subsection, the term "good cause"
30 means that schools in any local school administrative unit in a county have been closed eight
31 days per year during any four of the last 10 years because of severe weather conditions, energy
32 shortages, power failures, or other emergency situations.

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



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2 **SECTION 2.** This act applies only to Lincoln County Schools and Iredell-Statesville
3 Schools.

4 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with
5 the 2025-2026 school year.