



HOUSE BILL 129: School Calendar Flexibility/Pitt County.

2023-2024 General Assembly

Committee:	House Education - K-12. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	Date:	February 21, 2023
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OVERVIEW: *HB 129 would authorize the Pitt County Board of Education to set a start date for the school calendar no earlier than August 15 unless that date falls on a weekend, and in that case would allow the start date to fall on the immediately preceding Friday or immediately following Monday.*

CURRENT LAW: G.S. 115C-84.2 requires that a school calendar must include a minimum of 185 days or 1025 hours of instruction covering at least nine calendar months. Except for year-round schools, the opening date for students cannot be earlier than the Monday closest to August 26 and the closing date for students cannot be later than the Friday closest to June 11. The State Board of Education may waive this opening requirement and allow a local board of education to set an opening date no earlier than the Monday closest to August 19 after a showing of "good cause." Good cause means that schools in any local school administrative unit in a county have been closed 8 days per year during any of the 4 of the last 10 years because of severe weather conditions, energy shortages, power failures, or other emergency situations.

BILL ANALYSIS: HB 129 would allow the Pitt County Board of Education to set an opening date for the school calendar no earlier than August 15, unless that date fell on a weekend, in which case the opening date would be either the Friday immediately preceding or the Monday immediately following August 15.

EFFECTIVE DATE: HB 129 would become effective when it becomes law, and would apply beginning with the 2023-2024 school year.

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