

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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HOUSE BILL 406

Short Title: Local Flexibility Re: School Calendar. (Local)

Sponsors: Representatives McNeill and Hurley (Primary Sponsors).

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Referred to: Commerce and Job Development, if favorable, Education.

March 25, 2013

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
3 IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR IN CERTAIN LOCAL SCHOOL  
4 ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS.

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

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

26 Notwithstanding the required opening and closing dates under this subsection, a local board  
27 of education may schedule the school opening and closing dates for any school in the local  
28 administrative unit to coincide with the opening and closing dates of a community college  
29 serving the city or county in which the school unit is located."

30 **SECTION 2.** This act applies only to the Randolph County Schools and the  
31 Asheboro City Schools.

32 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with  
33 the 2013-2014 school year.

