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HOUSE BILL DRH10284-MT-122A (03/17)

Short Title: School Cal. Flex./Low-Performing Districts. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Blackwell and Johnson (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO ALLOW LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO SET A SCHOOL  
3 CALENDAR THAT MEETS THE INSTRUCTIONAL NEEDS OF LOCAL SCHOOL  
4 ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS IDENTIFIED AS LOW-PERFORMING.  
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 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  
15 anticipated makeup days due to school closings. A local board may revise the scheduled  
16 closing date if necessary in order to comply with the minimum requirements for instructional  
17 days or instructional time. For purposes of this subsection, the term "good cause" means that  
18 schools in any local school administrative unit in a county have been closed eight days per year  
19 during any four of the last 10 years because of severe weather conditions, energy shortages,  
20 power failures, 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 The required opening and closing dates under this subsection shall not apply to a local  
26 school administrative unit that has been identified by the State Board of Education as  
27 low-performing in each of the prior two school years."  
28 SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with  
29 the 2017-2018 school year.



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