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HOUSE BILL 275

Short Title: School Calendar Flex./Charlotte-Meck Schools. (Local)

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Referred to: Education - K-12.

March 19, 2015

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY TO THE
2 CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG BOARD OF EDUCATION TO INCREASE STUDENT
3 PROFICIENCY FOR STUDENTS AND TO EXPAND PROFESSIONAL
4 DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR TEACHERS IN ADOPTING THEIR
5 SCHOOL CALENDAR.
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7 Whereas, it is the intent of the North Carolina General Assembly to maximize both
8 student proficiency and student growth throughout its infrastructure of public schools
9 throughout the State;

10 Whereas, aligning the K-12 testing calendar and semester end dates will allow
11 students to minimize winter learning loss, increase end-of-course test scores, and allow students
12 who graduate from high school in December to enroll in college without missing the first few
13 weeks of the semester;

14 Whereas, shifting the school calendar will allow teachers and other school
15 employees to more easily complete meaningful professional development opportunities;

16 Whereas, a week of instructional time is routinely wasted across the State in January
17 when teachers have no other option than to invest a week in January to refresh their students
18 across multiple content areas; Now, therefore,

19 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

20 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-84.2(d) reads as rewritten:

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



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

5 **SECTION 2.** This act applies only to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools.

6 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with
7 the 2015-2016 school year.