

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 431

Short Title: Inclement Weather/Certain School Systems. (Local)

Sponsors: Representatives Dobson and Jordan (Primary Sponsors).

For a complete list of Sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly Web Site.

Referred to: Education - K-12.

April 1, 2015

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO ALLOW THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO GRANT A WAIVER TO
2 CERTAIN BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO ACCOMMODATE ADDITIONAL
3 MAKEUP DAYS DUE TO SCHOOL CLOSINGS.
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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 August 12, to the extent that school calendars are able to provide sufficient days to
15 accommodate anticipated makeup days due to school closings. A local board may revise the
16 scheduled closing date if necessary in order to comply with the minimum requirements for
17 instructional days or instructional time. For purposes of this subsection, the term "good cause"
18 means that schools in any local school administrative unit in a county have been closed eight
19 days per year during any four of the last 10 years because of severe weather conditions, energy
20 shortages, 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 **SECTION 2.** This act applies only to the Ashe County, Avery County, and
26 Watauga County school administrative units.

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

