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Short Title: School Calendar Flexibility. (Local)

Sponsors: Representatives Lambeth, Hanes, and Conrad (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY TO THE
3 WINSTON-SALEM/FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION IN ADOPTING
4 THE SCHOOL CALENDAR.

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

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

29 SECTION 2. This act applies only to the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools.

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

