

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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SENATE BILL 267

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

Sponsors: Senators Tarte, Waddell, and J. Jackson (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Ways & Means.

March 12, 2015

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY TO THE  
3 CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG BOARD OF EDUCATION IN ADOPTING THE  
4 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.~~Notwithstanding the opening date for students, all  
21 first semester examinations shall be given before winter break.

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 **SECTION 2.** This act applies only to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg school  
27 administrative unit.

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

