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HOUSE BILL DRH40205-NG-48

Short Title: COVID Impact on Craven County School Calendar. (Local)

Sponsors: Representative Tyson.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT REGARDING COVID-19 IMPACT ON CRAVEN COUNTY SCHOOLS  
3 CALENDAR.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

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

24 SECTION 2. G.S. 115C-174.12(a)(4) reads as rewritten:

25 "(4) All annual assessments of student achievement adopted by the State Board of  
26 Education pursuant to G.S. 115C-174.11(c)(1) and (3) and all final exams for  
27 courses shall be administered within the final 10 instructional days of the  
28 school year for year-long courses and within the final five instructional days  
29 of the semester for semester courses. Exceptions shall be permitted to  
30 accommodate a student's individualized education program and section 504  
31 (29 U.S.C. § 794) plans and for the administration of final exams for courses  
32 with national or international curricula required to be held at designated times.  
33 A local board of education that has implemented a school calendar that  
34 concludes the fall semester prior to December 31 shall be permitted to  
35 administer assessments prior to the conclusion of that semester."

36 SECTION 3. This act applies only to Craven County Schools.



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1                   **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with  
2 the 2021-2022 school year and expires at the conclusion of the 2021-2022 school year.