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HOUSE BILL DRH40066-NH-23

Short Title: School Calendar Flexibility/Pitt County.

(Local)

Sponsors: Representative Reeder.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY TO PITT COUNTY SCHOOLS IN
3 ADOPTING THE SCHOOL 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, and the 15, unless August 15 falls on a weekend, in which case the opening date shall
10 be either the Friday immediately preceding or the Monday immediately following August 15.
11 The closing date for students shall be no later than the Friday closest to June 11. On a showing
12 of good cause, the State Board of Education may waive the requirement that the opening date for
13 students be no earlier than the Monday closest to August 26 and may allow the local board of
14 education to set an opening date no earlier than the Monday closest to August 19, to the extent
15 that school calendars are able to provide sufficient days to accommodate anticipated makeup
16 days due to school closings. A local board may revise the scheduled closing date if necessary in
17 order to comply with the minimum requirements for instructional days or instructional time. For
18 purposes of this subsection, the term "good cause" means that schools in any local school
19 administrative unit in a county have been closed eight days per year during any four of the last
20 10 years because of severe weather conditions, energy shortages, power failures, or other
21 emergency situations.

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 Pitt County.

27 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with
28 the 2023-2024 school year.

