

1 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

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

22 **SECTION 2.** This act applies only to Martin County Schools.

23 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with
24 the 2019-2020 school year.