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HOUSE BILL DRH40244-NG-69

Short Title: School Calendar Flexibility. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Shepard.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL  
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 19,~~ 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. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with  
25 the 2021-2022 school year.

