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SENATE BILL DRS45254-MV-110

Short Title: School Calendar Accommodation/Statewide. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Ballard (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE AN ACCOMMODATION TO LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION
3 IN 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 August 16.~~ In the event that August 16 falls on a weekend, the opening date
10 shall be either the Friday immediately preceding or the Monday immediately following the
11 weekend. The closing date for students shall be ~~no later than the Friday closest to June 11.~~ June
12 1. In the event that June 1 falls on a weekend, the closing date shall be either the Friday
13 immediately preceding or the Monday immediately following the weekend. On a showing of
14 good cause, the State Board of Education may waive the requirement that the opening date for
15 students be no earlier than the Monday closest to August 26 August 16 and may allow the local
16 board of education to set an opening date ~~no earlier than the Monday closest to August 19,~~ of
17 August 9, to the extent that school calendars are able to provide sufficient days to accommodate
18 anticipated makeup days due to school closings. In the event that August 9 falls on a weekend,
19 the opening date shall be either the Friday immediately preceding or the Monday immediately
20 following the weekend. A local board may revise the scheduled closing date if necessary in order
21 to comply with the minimum requirements for instructional days or instructional time. For
22 purposes of this subsection, the term "good cause" means that schools in any local school
23 administrative unit in a county have been closed eight days per year during any four of the last
24 10 years because of severe weather conditions, energy shortages, power failures, or other
25 emergency situations.

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

30 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with
31 the 2019-2020 school year.

