

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 47

Short Title: School Calendar Flex./Certain School Systems. (Local)

Sponsors: Representatives Speciale and Boswell (Primary Sponsors).

For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.

Referred to: Education - K-12

February 8, 2017

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY TO BEAUFORT COUNTY SCHOOLS,
2 CRAVEN COUNTY SCHOOLS, DARE COUNTY SCHOOLS, HYDE COUNTY
3 SCHOOLS, PAMLICO COUNTY SCHOOLS, AND WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOLS
4 IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR.
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

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

26 **SECTION 2.** This act applies only to Beaufort County Schools, Craven County
27 Schools, Dare County Schools, Hyde County Schools, Pamlico County Schools, and Washington
28 County Schools.

29 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with the
30 2017-2018 school year.

