

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 96

Short Title: School Calendar Flexibility/Pitt Co. (Local)

Sponsors: Senator Smith (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

February 14, 2023

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY FOR A THREE-YEAR PERIOD TO
2 THE PITT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL
3 CALENDAR.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.(a)** Notwithstanding G.S. 115C-84.2(d), the Pitt County Board of
7 Education may determine the dates of opening and closing the public schools in its school system,
8 provided that the dates are in accordance with the requirements of G.S. 115C-84.2(a)(1). Prior to
9 determining the opening and closing dates, the Pitt County Board of Education shall hold a public
10 hearing on whether to depart from the requirements of G.S. 115C-84.2(d). If, based on parent
11 and community input received at the hearing, the Pitt County Board of Education decides to
12 depart from the requirements of G.S. 115C-84.2(d), the Board shall select the opening and
13 closing dates for its schools only after an additional public hearing to allow for parent and
14 community input on the date determination.

15 **SECTION 1.(b)** This section applies for the 2023-2024 school year, the 2024-2025
16 school year, and the 2025-2026 school year only.

17 **SECTION 2.** By October 3, 2024, the Pitt County Board of Education shall report
18 to the Department of Public Instruction and the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee
19 on the implementation of this act, including any effects on student achievement and any
20 recommendations on the modification, continuation, and potential expansion of the calendar
21 flexibility provided in this act.

22 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

