

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 1002

Short Title: School Starts After Labor Day. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Ballantine, Soles; and Thomas.

Referred to: Education/Higher Education.

April 3, 2003

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT DIRECTING LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO SET THE FIRST
2 INSTRUCTIONAL DAY OF THE SCHOOL YEAR AFTER LABOR DAY.
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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
7 dates of opening and closing the public schools under subdivision (a)(1) of this section.
8 The first instructional day for schools other than year-round schools shall be the first
9 Tuesday after Labor Day. A local board may revise the scheduled closing date if
10 necessary in order to comply with the minimum requirements for instructional days or
11 instructional time. Different opening and closing dates may be fixed for schools in the
12 same administrative unit.

13 Local boards and individual schools shall give teachers at least 14 calendar days'
14 notice before requiring a teacher to work instead of taking vacation leave on days
15 scheduled in accordance with subdivision (4) or (5) of ~~this subsection~~. subsection (a) of
16 this section. A teacher may elect to waive this notice requirement for one or more such
17 days."

18 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.