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SENATE DRS35030-MK-30B (01/08)

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

Sponsors: Senator Bingham (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY FOR CERTAIN LOCAL BOARDS OF  
3 EDUCATION 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  
7 of opening and closing the public schools under subdivision (a)(1) of this section.  
8 Notwithstanding the opening date for students, all first semester examinations shall be given  
9 before winter break.~~Except for year round schools, the opening date for students shall be no~~  
10 ~~earlier than the Monday closest to August 26, and the closing date for students shall be no later~~  
11 ~~than the Friday closest to June 11. On a showing of good cause, the State Board of Education~~  
12 ~~may waive the requirement that the opening date for students be no earlier than the Monday~~  
13 ~~closest to August 26 and may allow the local board of education to set an opening date no~~  
14 ~~earlier than the Monday closest to August 19, to the extent that school calendars are able to~~  
15 ~~provide sufficient days to accommodate anticipated makeup days due to school closings. A~~  
16 ~~local board may revise the scheduled closing date if necessary in order to comply with the~~  
17 ~~minimum requirements for instructional days or instructional time. For purposes of this~~  
18 ~~subsection, the term "good cause" means that schools in any local school administrative unit in~~  
19 ~~a county have been closed eight days per year during any four of the last 10 years because of~~  
20 ~~severe weather conditions, energy shortages, power failures, or other emergency situations.~~

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

25 **SECTION 2.** This act applies only to the Davidson County, Lexington City,  
26 Montgomery County, and Thomasville City school administrative units.

27 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with  
28 the 2015-2016 school year.

