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HOUSE BILL 115

Short Title: School Calendar Flexibility/Catawba & Cities. (Local)

Sponsors: Representative Setzer.

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

Referred to: Education - K-12, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

February 15, 2023

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE CATAWBA COUNTY, HICKORY CITY, AND
3 NEWTON-CONOVER CITY SCHOOLS FLEXIBILITY IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL
4 CALENDAR.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

27 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with
28 the 2023-2024 school year.



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