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HOUSE BILL DRH40076-NH-56

Short Title: School Cal. Flexibility/Buncombe & Asheville. (Local)

Sponsors: Representative Prather.

Referred to:

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

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

24 **SECTION 2.** This act applies only to Buncombe County Schools and Asheville City  
25 Schools.

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

