

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 509

Short Title: School Calendar Flex/Charlotte-Meck Schools. (Local)

Sponsors: Representatives Cotham, Jeter, W. Brawley, and Carney (Primary Sponsors).
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Referred to: Commerce and Job Development, if favorable, Education.

April 3, 2013

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY TO THE
2 CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG BOARD OF EDUCATION IN ADOPTING THE
3 SCHOOL CALENDAR.
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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
8 of 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~~
15 ~~anticipated makeup days due to school closings. A local board may revise the scheduled~~
16 ~~closing date if necessary in order to comply with the minimum requirements for instructional~~
17 ~~days or instructional time. For purposes of this subsection, the term "good cause" means that~~
18 ~~schools in any local school administrative unit in a county have been closed eight days per year~~
19 ~~during any four of the last 10 years because of severe weather conditions, energy shortages,~~
20 ~~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 Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools.

26 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with
27 the 2013-2014 school year.

