

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 863*

Short Title: Schools Start After Labor Day.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives C. Wilson, Hill (Primary Sponsors); Allred, Baker, Barnhart, Church, Daughtride, Eddins, Ellis, Gorman, Gulley, Hilton, Justice, Justus, LaRoque, McComas, McHenry, Mitchell, Owens, Preston, Ray, Sexton, Starnes, Stiller, West, A. Williams, K. Williams, G. Wilson, and Wright.

Referred to: Economic Growth and Community Development.

April 7, 2003

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT PUBLIC SCHOOLS SHALL OPEN AFTER LABOR
2 DAY EXCEPT IN UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES OR YEAR-ROUND
3 SCHOOLS, IN ORDER TO PROMOTE FAMILY UNITY AND ECONOMIC
4 RECOVERY IN NORTH CAROLINA.
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

8 "(d) Opening and Closing Dates. – Local boards of education shall determine the
9 dates of opening and closing the public schools under subdivision (a)(1) of this section.
10 Except for year-round schools, each local school board shall set the school calendar so
11 that the first day students are required to attend school is after Labor Day. The State
12 Board of Education may waive this requirement on a showing of good cause. For
13 purposes of this subsection, "good cause" means that schools in that local administrative
14 unit have been closed an average of eight days per year during any five of the last 10
15 years because of severe weather conditions, energy shortages, power failures, or other
16 emergency situations.

17 A local board may revise the scheduled closing date if necessary in order to comply
18 with the minimum requirements for instructional days or instructional time. Different
19 opening and closing dates may be fixed for schools in the same administrative unit.

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

1 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective beginning with the 2004-2005
2 school year.