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SENATE BILL DRS15278-MV-24

Short Title: Weather Accommodate Certain Counties. (Local)

Sponsors: Senator Randleman (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE SCHOOL CALENDAR ACCOMMODATION TO CERTAIN
3 COUNTIES FOR EXTRAORDINARY CONDITIONS.

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,~~ schools and as otherwise specified in this subsection, the opening date for
9 students shall be no earlier than the Monday closest to August 26, and the closing date for
10 students shall be no later than the Friday closest to June 11. On a showing of good cause, the
11 State Board of Education may waive the requirement that the opening date for students be no
12 earlier than the Monday closest to August 26 and may allow the local board of education to set
13 an opening date no earlier than the Monday closest to August 19, to the extent that school
14 calendars are able to provide sufficient days to accommodate anticipated makeup days due to
15 school closings. A local board may revise the scheduled closing date if necessary in order to
16 comply with the minimum requirements for instructional days or instructional time. For purposes
17 of this subsection, the term "good cause" means that schools in any local school administrative
18 unit in a county have been closed ~~eight~~ seven days per year during any four of the last 10 years
19 because of severe weather conditions, energy shortages, power failures, or other emergency
20 situations. If, during any four of the last 10 years, the number of days closed per year is eight
21 days or greater because of severe weather conditions, energy shortages, power failures, or other
22 emergency situations, the State Board of Education may waive the requirement that the opening
23 date for students be no earlier than the Monday closest to August 26 and may allow the local
24 board of education to set an earlier opening date as follows:

25 (1) If the number of days closed per year is eight, nine, 10, 11, or 12, the opening
26 date shall be no earlier than the Monday closest to August 12.

27 (2) If the number of days closed per year is 13 or greater, the opening date shall
28 be no earlier than the Monday closest to August 5.

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

33 **SECTION 2.** This act applies only to the Stokes, Surry, and Wilkes school
34 administrative units.

35 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with
36 the 2018-2019 school year.

