

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 45

Short Title: School Calendar Flex./Forsyth County. (Local)

Sponsors: Representatives Lambeth and Conrad (Primary Sponsors).

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 12, 2019

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY TO THE
3 WINSTON-SALEM/FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION IN ADOPTING
4 THE SCHOOL 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 Notwithstanding the required opening and closing dates under this subsection, a local board
22 of education may schedule its school opening and closing dates for any school in the local school
23 administrative unit to coincide with the opening and closing dates of a community college serving
24 the city or county in which the unit is located.

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

29 **SECTION 2.** This act applies only to Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools.

30 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with
31 the 2019-2020 school year.

