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HOUSE BILL DRH40025-NH-24

Short Title: SchCalFlex/Orange,CH-Car,Caswell/CC & Assmnts. (Local)

Sponsors: Representative Price.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY TO CASWELL COUNTY SCHOOLS, CHAPEL  
3 HILL-CARRBORO CITY SCHOOLS, AND ORANGE COUNTY SCHOOLS IN  
4 ADOPTING 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 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 Notwithstanding the required opening and closing dates under this subsection, a local board  
26 of education may align the calendar of schools in the local school administrative unit with the  
27 calendar of a community college serving in the city or county in which the unit is located by  
28 starting the calendar on the same day as the college or any day thereafter."

29 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 115C-174.12(a)(4) reads as rewritten:

30 "(4) All annual assessments of student achievement adopted by the State Board of  
31 Education pursuant to G.S. 115C-174.11(c)(1) and (3) and all final exams for  
32 courses shall be administered within the final 10 instructional days of the  
33 school year for year-long courses and within the final five instructional days  
34 of the semester for semester courses. Exceptions shall be permitted to  
35 accommodate a student's individualized education program and section 504  
36 (29 U.S.C. § 794) plans and for the administration of final exams for courses



1 with national or international curricula required to be held at designated times.  
2 A local board of education that has implemented a school calendar that  
3 concludes the fall semester prior to December 31 shall be permitted to  
4 administer assessments prior to the conclusion of that semester."

5 **SECTION 3.** This act applies only to Caswell County Schools, Chapel Hill-Carrboro  
6 City Schools, and Orange County Schools.

7 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with  
8 the 2025-2026 school year.