



# HOUSE BILL 92: School Calendar Flexibility/Certain LEAs.

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**OVERVIEW:** *House Bill 92 would allow Davie County Schools, Davidson County Schools, Iredell-Statesville School District, Lexington City Schools, Mooresville Graded School District, and Thomasville City Schools to open no earlier than August 10 each year.*

**CURRENT LAW:** G.S. 115C-84.2 provides that, with certain exceptions, the opening date for students in a school calendar must be no earlier than the Monday closest to August 26, and the closing date for students must be no later than the Friday closest to June 11.

All annual assessments of student achievement adopted by the State Board of Education and all final exams for courses must be administered within the final 10 instructional days of the school year for year-long courses and within the final five instructional days of the semester for semester courses (G.S. 115-174(a)(4)). Exceptions consist of accommodating a student's individualized education program and section 504 (29 U.S.C. § 794) plans and administering final exams for courses with national or international curricula that must be held at designated times.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** HB 92 would allow Davie County Schools, Davidson County Schools, Iredell-Statesville School District, Lexington City Schools, Mooresville Graded School District, and Thomasville City Schools to open no earlier than August 10 each year. The bill would remove the authority of the State Board of Education to waive the general opening date requirement for good cause since the school system could open as early as August 10. The bill also clarifies that if the school system's school calendar concludes the fall semester prior to December 31, assessments can be administered prior to the conclusion of that semester.

This is a local bill that only applies to Davie County Schools, Davidson County Schools, Iredell-Statesville School District, Lexington City Schools, Mooresville Graded School District, and Thomasville City Schools.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The bill is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with the 2021-2022 school year.

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