

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2013**

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**HOUSE BILL 282**

Short Title: Local Flexibility Re: School Calendar. (Local)

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Sponsors: Representatives L. Bell and Brisson (Primary Sponsors).

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Referred to: Commerce and Job Development, if favorable, Education.

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March 13, 2013

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
2 IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR IN CERTAIN LOCAL SCHOOL  
3 ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS.  
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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  
8 of 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 August 1. ~~First~~  
10 ~~semester examinations shall be given before winter break, the Monday closest to August 26, and~~  
11 ~~the closing date for students shall be no later than the Friday closest to June 11. On a showing~~  
12 ~~of good cause, the State Board of Education may waive the requirement that the opening date~~  
13 ~~for students be no earlier than the Monday closest to August 26 and may allow the local board~~  
14 ~~of education to set an opening date no earlier than the Monday closest to August 19, to the~~  
15 ~~extent that school calendars are able to provide sufficient days to accommodate anticipated~~  
16 ~~makeup days due to school closings. A local board may revise the scheduled closing date if~~  
17 ~~necessary in order to comply with the minimum requirements for instructional days or~~  
18 ~~instructional time. For purposes of this subsection, the term "good cause" means that schools in~~  
19 ~~any local school administrative unit in a county have been closed eight days per year during~~  
20 ~~any four of the last 10 years because of severe weather conditions, energy shortages, power~~  
21 ~~failures, or other emergency situations.~~

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

26 **SECTION 2.** This act applies only to the Sampson County Schools and the Clinton  
27 City Schools.

28 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with  
29 the 2013-2014 school year.

