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SENATE BILL 595

Short Title: School Calendars.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Apodaca (Primary Sponsor); and Tarte.

Referred to: Education/Higher Education.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE CALENDARS FOR THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND
3 COMMUNITY COLLEGES.

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
7 of opening and closing the public schools under subdivision (a)(1) of this section. Except for
8 year-round schools, the opening date for students shall be no earlier than the ~~Monday closest to~~
9 ~~August 26, and the closing date for students shall be no later than the Friday closest to June~~
10 4th first Tuesday after Labor Day, and the closing date for students shall be no later than the last
11 Friday before Memorial Day. For these students, first semester coursework shall conclude and
12 all first semester final examinations shall be given before the students' winter break.~~On a~~
13 ~~showing of good cause, the State Board of Education may waive the requirement that the~~
14 ~~opening date for students be no earlier than the Monday closest to August 26 and may allow the~~
15 ~~local board of education to set an opening date no earlier than the Monday closest to August 19,~~
16 ~~to the extent that school calendars are able to provide sufficient days to accommodate~~
17 ~~anticipated makeup days due to school closings. A local board may revise the scheduled~~
18 ~~closing date if necessary in order to comply with the minimum requirements for instructional~~
19 ~~days or instructional time. For purposes of this subsection, the term "good cause" means that~~
20 ~~schools in any local school administrative unit in a county have been closed eight days per year~~
21 ~~during any four of the last 10 years because of severe weather conditions, energy shortages,~~
22 ~~power failures, or other emergency situations.~~

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

27 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 115D-20 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

28 "**§ 115D-20. Powers and duties of trustees.**

29 The trustees of each institution shall constitute the local administrative board of such
30 institution, with such powers and duties as are provided in this Chapter and as are delegated to
31 it by the State Board of Community Colleges. The powers and duties of trustees shall include
32 the following:

33 ...

34 (7a) To determine a calendar for the institution showing legal holidays, beginning
35 and ending date of each quarter, term or semester, and other important dates.
36 The calendar for the institution shall provide that first semester coursework



1 shall conclude, and all first semester final examinations shall be given before
2 the students' winter break."

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