

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 137

Short Title: School Calendar Flexibility/Cumberland County. (Local)

Sponsors: Representatives Lucas, Floyd, Richardson, and Szoka (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 21, 2019

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY TO CUMBERLAND COUNTY
3 SCHOOLS IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR.

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 of
7 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 10 days prior to the
9 Monday closest to August 26, and the closing date for students shall be no later than the Friday
10 closest to June 11. ~~On a showing of good cause, the State Board of Education may waive the~~
11 ~~requirement that the opening date for students be no earlier than the Monday closest to August~~
12 ~~26 and may allow the local board of education to set an opening date no earlier than the Monday~~
13 ~~closest to August 19, to the extent that school calendars are able to provide sufficient days to~~
14 ~~accommodate anticipated makeup days due to school closings.~~ A local board may revise the
15 scheduled closing date if necessary in order to comply with the minimum requirements for
16 instructional days or instructional time. ~~For purposes of this subsection, the term "good cause"~~
17 ~~means that schools in any local school administrative unit in a county have been closed eight~~
18 ~~days per year during any four of the last 10 years because of severe weather conditions, energy~~
19 ~~shortages, power failures, or other emergency situations.~~

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

24 **SECTION 2.** This act applies only to Cumberland County Schools.

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

