

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**HOUSE BILL 106  
Committee Substitute Favorable 2/21/23**

Short Title: School Calendar Flexibility/Various LEAs. (Local)

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February 14, 2023

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY TO CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG  
2 SCHOOLS, DAVIDSON COUNTY SCHOOLS, GUILFORD COUNTY SCHOOLS,  
3 JACKSON COUNTY SCHOOLS, LEXINGTON CITY SCHOOLS, STOKES COUNTY  
4 SCHOOLS, SWAIN COUNTY SCHOOLS, THOMASVILLE CITY SCHOOLS,  
5 TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY SCHOOLS, AND WINSTON-SALEM/FORSYTH  
6 COUNTY SCHOOLS IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR.  
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8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-84.2(d) reads as rewritten:

10 "(d) Opening and Closing Dates. – Local boards of education shall determine the dates of  
11 opening and closing the public schools under subdivision (a)(1) of this section. Except for  
12 year-round schools, the opening date for students shall be no earlier than ~~the Monday closest to~~  
13 ~~August 26, August 11,~~ and the closing date for students shall be no later than the Friday closest  
14 to June 11. ~~On a showing of good cause, the State Board of Education may waive the requirement~~  
15 ~~that the opening date for students be no earlier than the Monday closest to August 26 and may~~  
16 ~~allow the local board of education to set an opening date no earlier than the Monday closest to~~  
17 ~~August 19, to the extent that school calendars are able to provide sufficient days to accommodate~~  
18 ~~anticipated makeup days due to school closings.~~ A local board may revise the scheduled closing  
19 date if necessary in order to comply with the minimum requirements for instructional days or  
20 instructional time. ~~For purposes of this subsection, the term "good cause" means that schools in~~  
21 ~~any local school administrative unit in a county have been closed eight days per year during any~~  
22 ~~four of the last 10 years because of severe weather conditions, energy shortages, power failures,~~  
23 ~~or other emergency situations.~~

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

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

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



1                   A local board of education that has implemented a school calendar that  
2                   concludes the fall semester prior to December 31 shall be permitted to  
3                   administer assessments prior to the conclusion of that semester."

4                   **SECTION 3.** This act applies only to Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, Davidson  
5 County Schools, Guilford County Schools, Jackson County Schools, Lexington City Schools,  
6 Stokes County Schools, Swain County Schools, Thomasville City Schools, Transylvania County  
7 Schools, and Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools.

8                   **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with  
9 the 2023-2024 school year.