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HOUSE BILL 396
Committee Substitute Favorable 4/13/21

Short Title: Address Pandemic Learning Loss/Select Systems.

(Local)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO ADDRESS PANDEMIC LEARNING LOSS BY ALLOWING ADDITIONAL
ADJUSTMENTS TO THE SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR KANNAPOLIS CITY SCHOOLS
AND CABARRUS COUNTY SCHOOLS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

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

"(4) All annual assessments of student achievement adopted by the State Board of Education pursuant to G.S. 115C-174.11(c)(1) and (3) and all final exams for courses shall 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. courses, including fall semesters ending prior to December 31. Exceptions shall be permitted to accommodate a student's individualized education program and section 504 (29 U.S.C. § 794) plans and for the administration of final exams for courses with national or international curricula required to be held at designated times."

SECTION 3. This act applies only to Kannapolis City Schools and Cabarrus County Schools.

SECTION 4. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with the 2021-2022 school year.

