



HOUSE BILL 687: Public Schools/Testing Schedule

**This Bill Analysis
reflects the contents
of the bill as it was
presented in
committee.**

2015-2016 General Assembly

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Introduced by:	Reps. Meyer, Glazier, Langdon	Prepared by:	Kara McCraw
Analysis of:	PCS to First Edition H687-CSTC-35		Committee Counsel

SUMMARY: *HB 687 requires that annual assessments and final exams be given within a certain testing window whenever practicable and educationally advantageous for students, and provides for a waiver process to allow local school administrative units to apply to the State Boards of Education to extend the testing window to 20 days for year-long courses and 10 days for semester courses.*

The PCS would extend the waiver for semester courses from 10 to 15 days.

CURRENT LAW: G.S. 115C-174.12 requires that all annual assessments of student achievement and all final exams for courses must be administered within the final 10 instructional days of the school years for year-long courses and within the final 5 instructional days of the semester for semester long courses. Exceptions are permitted to accommodate students with individualized education programs (IEPs) and Section 504 plans and for administrations of final exams for courses with national or international curricula required to be held at designated times.

BILL ANALYSIS: The PCS for HB 687 would require that all State annual assessments and all final exams must be administered within the final 10 instructional days for year-long courses and the final 5 instructional days for semester courses, whenever practicable and educationally advantageous for students. The bill would also allow local school administrative units to apply to the State Board of Education, at least 60 days before the schedules date for exams, for a waiver extending the testing schedule up to the final 20 instructional days for year-long courses and the final 15 days for semester courses.

EFFECTIVE DATE: HB 687 would become effective when it becomes law and apply with the 2015-2016 school year.

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