



# HOUSE BILL 106: School Calendar Flexibility/Pitt County.

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<b>Committee:</b>	House Education - K-12. If favorable, re-refer to Local Government. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	<b>Date:</b>	April 13, 2021
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Reps. Farkas, Humphrey, K. Smith	<b>Prepared by:</b>	Brian Gwyn
<b>Analysis of:</b>	PCS to First Edition H106-CSBE-13		Committee Co-Counsel

**OVERVIEW:** *The 1st edition of HB 106 would provide school calendar flexibility for Pitt County Schools through the 2023-2024 school year, provided certain requirements are met. The PCS would require the Pitt County Board of Education to report on its use of calendar flexibility directly to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee, as well as make other technical changes.*

**CURRENT LAW:** G.S. 115C-84.2(a)(1) requires school calendars to include a minimum of 185 days or 1,025 hours of instruction covering at least nine calendar months.

G.S. 115C-84.2(d) provides that, with certain exceptions, the opening date for students in a school calendar must be no earlier than the Monday closest to August 26, and the closing date for students must be no later than the Friday closest to June 11.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** The PCS would provide the Pitt County Board of Education (Board) with flexibility in determining opening and closing dates for students, provided the following requirements are met:

- The school calendar meets the instructional time requirements in G.S. 115C-84.2(a)(1).
- The Board holds a public hearing prior to determining the school opening and closing dates to collect parent and community input on whether to utilize the authority for school calendar flexibility.
- If utilizing school calendar flexibility, the Board holds a second public hearing on the proposed opening and closing dates.

The calendar flexibility would apply through the 2023-2024 school year.

The Pitt County Board of Education would be required to report to the Department of Public Instruction and the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee on the implementation of the school calendar flexibility by October 3, 2023.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The PCS would be effective when it becomes law.

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