



# HOUSE BILL 201: Academic Alignment/Certain School Units.

2021-2022 General Assembly

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<b>Committee:</b>	House Education - K-12. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	<b>Date:</b>	April 13, 2021
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**OVERVIEW:** *House Bill 201 would allow Rockingham County Schools, Stokes County Schools, Surry County Schools, and Union County Public Schools to schedule a school opening date to coincide with the opening date of the community college serving that county.*

**CURRENT LAW:** Under G.S. 115C-84.2, a school calendar must include a minimum of 185 days or 1025 hours of instruction covering at least nine calendar months. Except for year-round schools, the opening date for students cannot be earlier than the Monday closest to August 26 and the closing date for students cannot be later than the Friday closest to June 11.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** House Bill 201 would allow local boards of education in Rockingham County Schools, Stokes County Schools, Surry County Schools, and Union County Public Schools to align a school's opening day of the school calendar with the opening date of a community college serving the county in which the school unit is located.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This bill would become effective when it becomes law and would apply beginning with the 2021-2022 school year.

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