



HOUSE BILL 115: School Calendar Flexibility.

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

2023-2024 General Assembly

Committee:	House Education - K-12. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	Date:	February 21, 2023
Introduced by:	Rep. Setzer	Prepared by:	Drupti Chauhan Staff Attorney
Analysis of:	PCS to First Edition H115-CSRQ-1		

OVERVIEW: House Bill 115 would allow the local boards of education of certain local school systems to set the opening closing dates of the school calendar beginning with the 2023-2024 school year.

The Proposed Committee Substitute for House Bill 115 would add Burke County Public Schools, Cleveland County Schools, and Rutherford County Schools to the bill.

CURRENT LAW: G.S. 115C-84.2 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 Proposed Committee Substitute to House Bill 115 would allow the local board of education of Burke County Schools, Catawba County Schools, Hickory City Schools, and Newton-Conover Schools to set the opening closing dates of the school calendar beginning with the 2023-2024 school year. The authority of the State Board of Education to waive the general opening date requirement for good cause would be removed because the school systems could open earlier than the current statutory requirement.

This is a local bill that only applies to Burke County Public Schools, Catawba County Schools, Cleveland County Schools, Hickory City Schools, Newton-Conover City Schools, and Rutherford County Schools.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The bill is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with the 2023-2024 school year.

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