

HOUSE BILL 160: School Cal. Flexibility/Buncombe & Asheville.

2023-2024 General Assembly

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## OVERVIEW: House Bill 160 would allow the local boards of education of Buncombe County Schools and Asheville City Schools to set the opening closing dates of the school calendar beginning with the 2023-2024 school year.

**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:** House Bill 160 is a local bill that would allow the local boards of education of Buncombe County Schools and Asheville City 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.

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

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