



HOUSE BILL 176: School Calendar Flexibility.

2023-2024 General Assembly

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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 176 would allow the Lee County Board of Education and the Harnett County Board of Education to set the opening date for schools to be no earlier than August 10 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 176 is a local bill that would allow the Lee County Board of Education and the Harnett County Board of Education to set the opening date for students to be no earlier August 10 for 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 system 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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