

HOUSE BILL 195:

School Calendar Flexibility/Roanoke Rapids.

2023-2024 General Assembly

Committee: House Education - K-12. If favorable, re-refer **Date**: March 7, 2023

to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the

House

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OVERVIEW: House Bill 195 would allow Roanoke Rapids Graded School District to set the opening and closing dates of the school calendar beginning with the 2023-2024 school year.

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. The State Board of Education may grant a good cause waiver to local boards of education in counties meeting certain requirements that allows the local board to set an opening date no earlier than the Monday closest to August 19.

BILL ANALYSIS: HB 195 would allow the local board of education of Roanoke Rapids Graded School District to set the opening and closing dates of the school calendar beginning with the 2023-2024 school year. The bill would remove the State Board of Education's authority to grant a good cause waiver because the local board could set an opening date earlier than August 19.

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



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