



# HOUSE BILL 257: School Calendar Flexibility/Multiple Counties.

2023-2024 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>        | March 14, 2023 |
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**OVERVIEW:** *House Bill 257 would allow certain local boards of education to set the opening date for schools to be no earlier than August 11 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 257 would allow certain local boards of education to set the opening date for students to be no earlier August 11 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.

This is a local bill that only applies to Caswell County Schools, Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools, and Orange 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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