



# HOUSE BILL 121: SchCalFlex/Statewide/Open Cal.

2025-2026 General Assembly

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<b>Committee:</b>	House Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	<b>Date:</b>	April 30, 2025
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Reps. Setzer, Huneycutt, Cunningham, Johnson-Hostler	<b>Prepared by:</b>	Samantha Yarborough Staff Attorney
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**OVERVIEW:** *The 2nd edition of House Bill 121 would allow local boards of education to set the opening and closing dates for schools in the local school administrative unit.*

**CURRENT LAW:** G.S. 115C-84.2(a) requires that local boards of education adopt a school calendar consisting of 215 days that includes a minimum of 185 days or 1,025 instructional hours covering at least nine calendar months. G.S. 115C-84.2(d) requires that for schools in local school administrative units, other than year-round schools, the opening date for students is no earlier than the Monday closest to August 26 and the closing date for students is no later than the Friday closest to June 11. The State Board of Education may provide a good cause waiver for a county allowing the opening date for students to be no earlier than the Monday closest to August 19 if schools in a local school administrative unit in the county have been closed 8 days per year during any 4 of the past 10 years because of severe weather conditions, energy shortages, power failures, or other emergency situations.

G.S. 115C-84.3 allows for the use of remote instruction. A public school unit in a county that has received a good cause waiver can use up to 15 days, or 90 hours, of remote instruction, while every other public school unit can use up to 5 days, or 30 hours, of remote instruction when schools are unable to open due to severe weather conditions, energy shortages, power failures, or other emergency situations. This remote instruction time can be used towards the required instructional days or hours for the school calendar.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** House Bill 121 would allow local boards of education to determine the dates of opening and closing for students, without setting an opening or closing date in statute.

Public school units in a county that would have met the requirements for a good cause waiver would continue to be eligible to use 15 days, or 90 hours, of remote instruction.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** House Bill 121 would be effective when it becomes law and would apply beginning with the 2025-2026 school year.

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