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SENATE DRS75258-LE-75B (03/16)

Short Title: OK to Align School & Comm. Coll. Calendars.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Bryant, Hartsell, and Barringer (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT PERMITTING LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO ALIGN THEIR SCHOOL
3 CALENDARS WITH THOSE OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES SERVING THEIR
4 COMMUNITIES.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-84.2(d) reads as rewritten:

7 "(d) Opening and Closing Dates. – Local boards of education shall determine the dates
8 of opening and closing the public schools under subdivision (a)(1) of this section. Except for
9 year-round schools, the opening date for students shall be no earlier than the Monday closest to
10 August 26, and the closing date for students shall be no later than the Friday closest to June 11.
11 On a showing of good cause, the State Board of Education may waive the requirement that the
12 opening date for students be no earlier than the Monday closest to August 26 and may allow the
13 local board of education to set an opening date no earlier than the Monday closest to August 19,
14 to the extent that school calendars are able to provide sufficient days to accommodate
15 anticipated makeup days due to school closings. A local board may revise the scheduled
16 closing date if necessary in order to comply with the minimum requirements for instructional
17 days or instructional time. For purposes of this subsection, the term "good cause" means that
18 schools in any local school administrative unit in a county have been closed eight days per year
19 during any four of the last 10 years because of severe weather conditions, energy shortages,
20 power failures, or other emergency situations.

21 The required opening and closing dates under this subsection shall not apply to any school
22 that a local board designated as having a modified calendar for the 2003-2004 school year or to
23 any school that was part of a planned program in the 2003-2004 school year for a system of
24 modified calendar schools, so long as the school operates under a modified calendar.

25 Notwithstanding the required opening and closing dates under this subsection, a local board
26 of education may align the calendar of schools in the local administrative unit with the calendar
27 of a community college serving the city or county in which the school unit is located."

28 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with
29 the 2013-2014 school year.

