

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 279

Short Title: School Calendar 3-Year Flex/Certain Systems. (Local)

Sponsors: Senator D. Davis (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

March 18, 2019

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY FOR A THREE-YEAR PERIOD TO
2 CERTAIN LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL
3 CALENDAR.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.(a)** Notwithstanding G.S. 115C-84.2(d), the Greene County Board of
7 Education and the Pitt County Board of Education may determine the dates of opening and
8 closing the public schools in each respective school system, provided that the dates are in
9 accordance with the requirements of G.S. 115C-84.2(a)(1). Prior to determination of the opening
10 and closing dates, the Greene County Board of Education and the Pitt County Board of Education
11 shall each hold a public hearing on whether to depart from the requirements of
12 G.S. 115C-84.2(d). If, based on parent and community input received at the hearing, the local
13 board decides to depart from the requirements of G.S. 115C-84.2(d), the local board shall select
14 the opening and closing dates for its schools only after an additional public hearing to allow for
15 parent and community input on the date determination.

16 **SECTION 1.(b)** This section applies for the 2019-2020 school year, the 2020-2021
17 school year, and the 2021-2022 school year only.

18 **SECTION 2.** By October 1, 2022, the Greene County Board of Education and the
19 Pitt County Board of Education shall report to the Department of Public Instruction on the
20 implementation of this act, including any effects on student achievement and any
21 recommendations on the modification, continuation, and potential expansion of the calendar
22 flexibility provided in this act. The Department of Public Instruction shall evaluate these reports
23 and provide an aggregated report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee by
24 November 15, 2022.

25 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

